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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

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U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/APRIL

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Apl 1, 1873

Statement in Settlement of Chief Coiner's Accounts made with the Superintendent - April 1st. 1873.

Balance Gold due Treasurer per C.C. & Treas Ledgers ozs. 71.526.909

Delivered in Settlement.

Gold Ingots, Coin, Clippings, Planchets &c		ozs 70.472.26		
Filings No 1 ozs 577.85 @ 896½	= 575.60			
" 2. 228.30 @ 894	= 226.78			
Unmelted	197.90	1.000.28		
Sweeps. No 1 bbl. 1034 lbs Tare 111 lbs 923 lbs @ .212	= 195.65			
No 2 " 396 " " 50 " 346 " @ .08	= 27.68			
	223.35	12.006	71.484.546	
Wastage			ozs 42.363	

Amount of Gold operated upon since last settlement ozs 1.170.966.15

Allowance under the law 1.755.449

Actual Wastage 42.363, or about 1/41st of the legal allowance.

Loss in working as per C.C. Work Book ozs 57.46

" " Melting and Refining Gold Filings 19.72

ozs 77.18

Wastage as per settlement 42.363

Showing a gain in Vault Apl ozs 34.817

(over)

Silver.

Balance due Treas. per C.C. and Treas Ledger ozs 142.406.73

Delivered in Settlement.

Ingots, Coin, Clippings, Planchets &c ozs 140.029.16

Filings - No 1.	ozs 351	@	895	£ 349.05	
" 2.	709.15	@	896	706.00	
" 3.	453.30	@	897½	452.01	
Unmelted				69.56	1.576.65
Sweeps. No 1 bbl 103 lbs Tare 111 = 923 lbs		@	.103	= 95.07	
" 2 " 396 " " 50 = 346 "		@	.05	= 17.30	
				£ 112.37	96.57 141.702.38

Wastage ozs 704.35

Amount of Silver operated upon since last settlement ozs 4.229.515.32

Allowance under the law 8.459.03

Actual wastage 704.35 or

about 1/9th of the legal allowance.

Loss in working as per C.C. Work Book ozs 668.89

" " Melting and Refining Silver Filings 56.97

ozs 725.86

Wastage as per Settlement 704.35

Showing a gain in Vault Acc ozs 21.51

Recapitulation.

Value of gold worked.	ozs 1.170.966.15	£ 21.783.483.29
" " Silver "	4.229.515.32	5.286.894.15
Total value		£ 27.070.377.44

Wastage in gold	ozs 42.363	£ 788.15	Allowance on Gold.	ozs 1.755.449	= £ 32.656.62
" " silver	704.35	819.61	" " Silver	8.459.03	= 10.573.79
Total Wastage		£ 1.607.76	Total allowance		£ 43.230.41

This is about 1/27th of Legal allowance.

Base Coinage &c.

Settled April 1st. 1873.

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Five Cent Nickel.

Balance due Treasurer	6937.90
Delivered to Treasurer.	6937.90

Three Cent Nickel

Balance due Treasurer	1146.90
Delivered to Treasurer	1146.90

Two Cent Bronze

Balance due Treasurer	1488.60
Delivered to Treasurer	1488.60

One Cent Bronze

Balance due Treasurer	4735.80
Delivered to Treasurer.	4735.80

Chief Coin Dept.
Apl. 1st. 1873.

London Hurley
Coiner

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq
Chief Coiner
U.S. Mint, Phila.

April 1. 1873

Statement in Settlement of Chief Coiner's A/c's with Supt of this Mint, A/c 1/73

Rec'd A/c 1/73.

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, April 1st 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith a detailed statement in settlement of the accounts of the department under my charge, to date.

From this it appears that the whole amount of bullion operated upon since my last settlement, with the allowance for wastage upon the same, is as follows:-

Gold.

	ozs.	
Amount operated upon	1.170.966.15	= $21.783.483.29
Legal allowance for wastage upon the same	1.755.449	= 32.656.62
Actual wastage upon the same	42.363	= 788.15

Loss about 1/41st of legal allowance.

Silver.

	ozs.	
Amount operated upon	4.229.515.32	= $5.286.894.15
Legal allowance for wastage upon the same	8.459.03	= 10.573.79
Actual wastage upon the same	704.35	= 819.61

Loss about 1/9th of legal allowance.

Upon the Base Coinage Account I was charged with 14.309.20 ounces Standard alloy, which amount was found in my Vaults, in spoiled pieces, planchets and coin, and delivered to you in settlement. The amount on hand and delivered, overran the amount charged.

The settlement is in the main satisfactory to me, as I hope it may prove to you.

I have the honor to remain

Your Obedient Servant

" London Snowden

" Coiner.

Chief Coiner
(Snowden)

Enclosing Statement
of Settlement with the
Supt of the Mint
Apl 1/73.

Rec Apl 1/73

United States Assay Office,

Assayer's Office, Boise City, I. T. April 1st 1873

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mint.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit statement of the operations of this Office for the month of March and the third Quarter of the present fiscal year.

No Clerk being appointed up to date to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jas. L. Reynolds, I have to day, subject to your approval, engaged E. C. Sterling of this place as Clerk at a salary of $1800.00 p. annum.

I have not yet heard anything about the appropriation for this institution for next year and would feel obliged for any information you may be able to give in regard to the subject.

Very Respectfully Yours

A Wolters

Assayer

Boise City Assay Office

UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE,

Boise City, I. T. April 1st 1873

ALBERT WOLTERS, Assayer.

Transmit Statement of operations for 1st Quarter & month of March
E. C Sterling appointed Clerk
Information asked in reg'd to the appropriation for 18 73/74.

No. of Enclosures, 2

Rec'd Apl 11/73

These instructions cover the points agreed upon at the recent conference at the Mint

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 1, 1873.

James Pollock, Esq.,
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The unsigned instructions dated March 18th 1873, and signed and promulgated today, are modified and amended as follows:

1. Bullion is to be charged and discharged between the Superintendent and operative officers by Standard weight only.
2. Endorsements in case of the transfer of right of payment must be made on the original Bullion receipt, and not on certificate of net value.
3. The old form of Treasurers memorandum to depositor may be continued,

but

but must be signed by the Superintendent, and have printed plainly across it the words "This memorandum is for the information of the Depositor and is of no other value".

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Amended instruc-
-tions for conducting
the business of the Mint.

approved by
Sec'y Richardson.
Apl 1/73

Rec'd Apl 2/73

St. Louis Mo April 1st 1873.

Mr George Eyster
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia Penn.

Dear Sir

I have received to day per Adams. Express. $222 81/100 in Coin - from your office also memorandum $1320 deposited by. G. C. Thompson I am very. much surprised at receiving such a statement. As your Memorandum shows. You received from me 26 ounces. 11 grains melted bar gold. and after remelting it it produced but 20 ounces 72 grains according to your statement Being a loss. of some 6 ounces on the 26 - which I am positive that there is certainly a mistake some where Gold certainly cannot

lose so much

I hope you will rectify the mistake forthwith and remit me the balance immediatly.

According to some 11 ounces of gold of a lower grade which I sent you some time previous I did not lose but one ounce. on it which same I then thought to be a large amount

please give this matter your immediate attention

Very Respectfully Yours.

H. M. Smith
910 726 Morgan Street.
St. Louis
Mo —

From
H. M. Smith. St Louis
on loss on deposits Melting.
or
April 1. 1873
501
April 5 79 " Ans. f

The deposit refered to in this note contained base metals which made it brittle. The base metal had to be removed before the assay was made or be refused by the Mint.

The deposit lost only base metal. If the depositor would toughen and remove all the base metals by the use of nitre his deposit would lose very little in melting

B. H. L.

Rec'd April 4/73.

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't, NEW YORK. | WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, C. H. PALMER, Sec'y, | NEW YORK.

Dated Washn DC Apl 1 187 3

Received at

To Jas Pollock Supt
U S Mint
Phila Pa

The unsigned instructions of eighteenth
ulto. for the transaction of
business at the mints &
assay offices under the coinage
act of eighteen hundred &
seventy three have been signed
& will be observed from
and after today

Wm A Richardson
Secy of the Treasy

53 pd
Govt Rate

J. W. DYERS
Commission Telegraph Office
S.E. cor. 9th & Chestnut
CONTINENTAL HOTEL

☞ This Message just received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,
Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

Sec'y Treasury
(Richardson)

April 1/73

[Telegram]

Genl Instructions for
the Mint & Assay Offices
prepared March 18, have
been signed & will be
obtained immediately.

Rec'd April 1/73

Settlement of Accounts of the Meller and Refiner.

April 1. 1873.

Gold Account.

		ozs.	dec.	
Apr. 1. 1873.	Total charged to the Meller & Refiner since last annual Settlement			1,244,647.599
" "	Total Credited,	1,174.693.741		
" "	Deliv^{d} in Settlem^{t}	69,620.447		1.244.314.188
			Wastage	333.411

Note. Total operated on 1,244.647,599 ozs. dec.

Legal allowance) 2,489,295

Silver Account

		ozs.	dec.	
April 1. 1873 -	Total charged to the Meller and Refiner since last annual settlement			4,479,476,46
	Excess of last years wastage			947,88
				4,480,424,34
" "	Total Credited	4,318,879,90		
" "	Deliv^{d} in Settlem^{t}	155,968,16		4,474,848,06
			Wastage	5,576,28

Note. Total operated on 4,479,476,46 ozs. dec.

Legal allowance 8,958,95

Henry S. Cochran
In Superintendence

N B Boyd,
for M & R

U. S. Mint
at
Philadelphia

April 23d 1873

Statement of
Accounts of the
Melter & Refiner
April 1st 1873 —

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 7, 1873.

James Pollock, Esq.
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have this day made a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for the amount of your requisition, ($50.870) signed as Director in previous quarter. The amount will be forwarded to you immediately.

The above course was taken in order to save time as otherwise a new requisition would have been necessary.

Very respectfully,
W. A. Linderman
Director.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

April 2. 1873

Has made requisition upon the Treasury Department for $50,375.- 4th qr. of 1872-73, for the Phila Mint

Rec'd Apl 3/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 7, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Phiadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst, transmitting your official Bond as Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Phiadelphia, in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, has been received. The Bond, approved according to law, has been filed with the First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director the Mint
Washington D.C.
April 2. 1873

Official Bond of
Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt Phila Mint
rec'd & approved.

Rec'd Apl 3/73

New York 3 April 1893

Gentlemen

I sent a letter addressed to Doctor Lumbrozo two or three days ago to be left at the Mint in Philadelphia until he should return there from Washington. I now learn that he will be detained permanently at Washington and will not probably leave that place for a fortnight yet to come. I will therefore ask the favor of your forwarding the letter to Doctor Lumbrozo at the Treasury Department Washington

The letter has my name and correct endorsement thereon. That

I may be retained at
Philadelphia —
with much regard
& esteem
Samuel B. Ruggles

To the Assay Office of the
U. S. Mint at
Philadelphia

From

Samuel B. Ruggles

to forward certain letter to

Dr H. R Lindeman. Dir

U. S. Mint. Washington D.C

April 3/73. & letter Rec'd

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April 4/73 Rec

JOSEPH A. LEE, Pres.
FRANK NELSON, Cashier.

CAPITAL, $100,000.

Organized, November, 1831.
Re-organized, July, 1865.

Calais National Bank.

Calais, Me. June 2 1875

Dr. Hon. U. S. Mail Esq.

Phila

Cashier.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the ~

is received with contents as stated.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Nelson Cashier.

I enclose Mch* 2nd. on Globe Nat Bk
Boston for Bills Currency
Day

* 50 50c Cy
* 100 25c "
* 5 10c "
by Express

Frank Nelson, Esq
Calais, Me.

April 3. 1873

Enclosing check
$200. for fractional
currency!

Rec'd Apl 7/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 2, 1873.

Hon James Pollock.

My dear Sir,

I was so much pressed for time to-day that I omitted to inform you before leaving the Department that after Consultation with the Secretary, it was decided to allow deposits and purchases of bullion at the Assay Office remaining unpaid at the close of business on 31st ult.

to be paid in dollars
and Subsidiary Coin
under laws and Regulations
existing on that day.

It will therefore be
necessary for you to close
the accounts of the last
quarter (ending 31st ult.)
open until then items
are received from
the Assay Office

Very Truly,
W. H. Lindeman

Hon. S.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Deposits & purchases of
bullion at N.Y. assay office
remaining unpaid March 31st/73
may be paid in Dollars &
subsidiary Coin, under Reg-
-ulations in force that day.

Accounts of last qr.
to be kept open until
these items are settled.

Rec'd April 3/73

Dover N.H. Apr. 2nd '73

Dear Sir.

I am at present engaged in making a collection of old U.S. cents and I write to you asking if you can aid me.

I am very truly Yours
John Tapley Welch
Lock Box 4 Dover N.H.

Director U.S. Mint.

If possible I desire to obtain the following dates 1792-1814, 1821, 1823, 1824 and 1857 Large Cents.

Jno. Tapley Weed
Dover N.H.
April 2/73

Wants old cents
for collection

Rec'd & ans'd
apl. 7/73

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THE CROSS OF CALATRAVA ON THE BASE METAL FIVE CENT PIECE.

Why is the Shield, on the base-metal five-cent piece, surmounted by the Cross of the Order of Calatrava? Is the President of the United States, *ex officio*, a member of that knightly Order, founded by the Catholic Sovereigns of Spain? I am not a numismatist proper, but simply an inquirer.

ELIZABETH, N. J. J. G. S.

Magazine Office,
N. Y., Apl 3. 1873

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query from one of the best known of
American historians — John Gilmary Shea,
LL. D. — and beg to solicit a reply cov.
erng (1) the reason for employing any
Cross as a device for our coinage and
(2) the reason for ~~how~~ selecting that par.
ticular Spanish cross.

The reply is designed for publi
cation among the "replies" in the
May number.

Sincerely Yours
A B Dawson

Supt of the Mint
Phila

The Cross of Calatrava on the Base Metal Five Cent Piece.

Why is the Shield, on the base-metal five-cent piece, surmounted by the Cross of the Order of Calatrava? Is the President of the United States, *ex officio*, a member of that knightly Order, founded by the Catholic Sovereigns of Spain? I am not a numismatist proper, but simply an inquirer.

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Historical Magazine Office,
Morrisania, N. Y., Apl 3. 1873

Dear Sir:

I enclose proof-slips of a query from one of the best known of American historians — John Gilmary Shea, LL. D. — and beg to solicit a reply cov. ering (1) the reason for employing any cross as a device for our coinage and (2) the reason for ~~the~~ selecting that particular Spanish cross.

The reply is designed for publication among the "replies" in the May number.

Sincerely Yours
A. B. Dawson

Supt of the Mint
Phila

H. B. Dawson
Ed. "Fish Magazine"
Montreal
N. Y.
April 3. 1873

Enquires the meaning
of the cross above the
Shield on the nickel
5 ¢ pieces.

Rec'd Apl 5/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,

Supt. Phila. Mint,

Sir,

Will you please submit the following point to all but Bo's and all Surgeon

Sec 13, Coinage act 1873, provides that silver shall not exceed one tenth of the alloy of gold coins, and Sec 20, Same act, provides that the deposit shall

It is 8 cts per ounce on bullion
also 750 I think or less for lower
grade

Very Truly
W. D. Lindsman
Pres

we shall have to return a charge
for alloying fine metal deposited
for Gold Coin & the Trade Dollar
Usually for standard bars this
I suppose is included in the
St. tax charge. Is this your
understanding L,

not be allowed for the part of metal where the operation of heating is carried on advantageously; and the regulation requires that the deposit shall not be allowed for the hardest metal unless it exceeds the expense of the operation one dollar and upwards.

Any, to what degree of fineness this charge be carried when it is 8 cents per ounce as at U. S.

Hon H. R. Lindeman

April 3/73

To submit points
as to coinage charge
to Mess. Dubois & Jungren

Recd.
Apl 4/73

United States Assay Office,

New York, April 3 1873

Sir:

I am requested by the Director of the Mint to transmit the following extract from his letter of the 2nd inst. to this Office, viz: "On a further examination "of the subject I am of opinion that the depositors "and sellers in question are legally entitled to pay- "ment according to the law and regulations in "force prior to the 1st instant. A telegram in ac- "cordance with this view has been sent you to- "day as follows: You are authorised to settle "for deposits and purchases made before the first "of April according to the law and regulations "in force up to that time."

The unpaid Invoices (* 31 & 32) at the Mint on the 1st April are for Subsidiary Silver Coin; the former payable at the rate of

1.22½ & the latter @ 1.20 pr Oz. in accordance with instructions contained in letter from the Secretary dated March 18. a copy of which was transmitted to the Treasurer of the Mint on the 19th inst.

Very Respectfully

Thos. G. Stone
Superintendent.

James Pollock Esqr
Superintendent of the Mint
Philadelphia. Pa.

N. Y. Assay Office

Forwarding Copy of Director's instructions that deposits made to Apl 1. should be paid under the Laws & Regulations in Existence made to the 1st of Apl

Rd Apl 4/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In order that this office may be advised of the progress of the re coinage of gold, you will please send a statement of the coinage at the end of each week, say up to June 1st.

The statement need not include the deposits.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.
April 3. 1873

Requests a Statement
of the Coinage (but
not deposits) at the End
of each week up
to June 1st.

Rec'd Apl 4/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt of the U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst and the enclosed requisition for funds, and to state that the same has been approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon N. P. Sindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.
April 3. 1873

Requisition, Appl 2d, for
$46,250. rec'd appr'd &
referred to Sec'y Treas'y

Rec'd Apl 4/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 3, 1873.

How James Pollock,
Supt U.S. mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

You will please prepare at your convenience the necessary regulations in relation to the preparation of dies of a national character by the Engraver, and the striking of national and other medals by the Coiner; and transmit the same to this office for approval pursuant to Section 52 of the Coinage act of 1873.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.
April 3. 1873

Requests that regulations for medallions &c under the 52nd section of the Coinage Act of 1873 be prepared & forwarded for approval.

Rec'd Apl 4/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to have prepared in the office of the Engraver of the Mint, a suitable Brass seal for the use of this office. The figure of an eagle, surrounded by the words "Director of the Mint", will answer. Let it be of the ordinary size for sealing letters, packages &c.

Very respectfully,

A. L. Linderman

Director.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.
April 3. 1873

Request Engraved of
the Mint to prepare
brass letter-head for
"Director of the Mint."

Rec'd Apl 4/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 3 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office two pieces in copper of each specimen or pattern piece hereafter struck at the Mint.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon W. R. Sundaman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.
April 3. 1873

Two pieces in copper
of each specimen or
pattern piece, to be
forwarded to the Di-
-rector of the Mint,
Washington,

Rec'd Apl 4/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 4. 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst designating Henry D Hickok as Chief Clerk, and appointing M H Cobb, Cashier; S R Cooperthwaite, Bookkeeper; John A Simpson, Calculating Clerk, and O B Jones, Register of Warrants, all to date from April 1st 1873.

These appointments have this day been approved by me and referred to the Appointment Division for record.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C
April 4. 1873

Has appointed the ap-
-pointment of
Henry C. Hickok, Chief Clerk
M. H. Cobb, Cashier,
L. R. Townsend and Wm Keyser
John S. Simpson, Calculating Clk
A. B. Jones, Register of Warrants

Recd Apl 5/73

SAMUEL TOWNSEND & SON,

Produce Commission Merchants,

No. 47 SOUTH CALVERT STREET.

Baltimore Apl 4th 1873

Superintendent of
the Mint
Phila

Sir Will you be kind
enough to give me the
dates in which the
Copper 2¢ pieces were
Coined as I wish to
secure as many as I
can for a Collector-
friend

very truly yr

D. G. Townsend

Piece was first Coined
2d Mo. April 22/64,
the Coinage Ceased Mch 31/73
the 2¢ pc. having been abolished by
the Coinage Act of 1873.

S. Townsend
Baltimore

apl 4/73

Wheat weed 2 pieces
coined

Rec'd. & ans'd.
apl. 5/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 4, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In forwarding the list of persons employed, as required by Department's General Instructions dated the 18th ultimo, I have to request that you prepare the list of each office separately, giving name, official title, amount of salary, (per diem or per annum,) date of appointment and date of oath of office, in the order here given. It should include all officers, clerks and employés.

This information is required for

for a Register of officers and employés for the use of this office, and should be transmitted as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.

April 4, 1873

Wants list of all officers, clerks and Employes; with date of appointment; amt of salary & per diem; and date of oath of office.

Rec'd Apl 7/73

Inst

United States Assay Office,

New York, April 5th 1873

Sir.

If it is possible for you to remit $25.000. in mill Half dollars in time for Steamer- April 10th- you will greatly oblige depositors.

Very Respectfully

Thos. E. Colton

Superintendent.

Jas Pollock Esqr

Superintendent of the Mint

Philadelphia. Pa.

N. Y. Assay Office

It is simply impossible to send the dest. asked for within the 10 inst. Will try to have $10,000 ready by Wednesday noon.

A. L. S.

Wants $25,000.—
in New half dollars
for Steamer, Apl 10.

Rec'd Apl 7/73

$220 in 5's
110 in 1's

37.50 — $1110 —

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 5, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this office a statement showing the denominations and amount of minor coins on hand an account of redemption, itemising those that are mutilated. Also, a statement of the denominations and amount of minor coins in the mint proper. Please also to state the amount per month of the demand for minor coins

Probably this information has before been furnished in papers relating

elating to the transfer at the Mint on the 1st instant, but if so they have been filed away in the different Divisions in the Department, and it would be best to have a statement for the use of this office alone.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

(Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.
April 5. 1873

Requesting Statement ~~of~~
1. Amt of redeemed
minor coins on hand,
itemized.
2. Denominational Amt
of minor Coins on hand
in the Mint prop.
3. Amt per month of
the demand for the
minor coins.

Rec'd Apl 7/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 5, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst, please find enclosed the following:
10 Copies Mint Bureau Circular #1 and
10 Copies Dept Circular #42 (Asst Treasy #13).

500 Copies of Dept Circular #36 has this day been mailed to your address.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 5. 1873

Enclosing 10+10
Circulars, & sundry 500
Mines Coinage Cir-
-culars.

Rec'd Apl 7/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 5, 1873.

Sir.

In the new York estimates
of proposed tariff of charges
is the following. "In sales
of any remanent in the
Gold after the separating
process $\frac{1}{200}$ of standard
deficient ($1.20 per oz)
This of course is predicated
on or rather is to cover the
Silver left in the Gold.
now as the Assay Office
refines to about 997

prepared to submit the bonds of these
for the Sec. for his approval

Very Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Secty

and the allowance 993
can this charge be
at the same rate at
the two institutions.

Has it not been
the practice of the Mint
since 1837 not to charge
the depositor for silver
separated from gold
amounting to less
than the expenses of the
operation, the government
separating such silver
on its own account, without
charge or allowance to the
depositor
On the receipt of
your reply I can

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C

Enquiries
In reference to
certain charges at
N.Y. Assay Office
and at the Mint, &
as to adjust the tariff
of charges.

Rec'd April 7/73

CIRCULAR REQUESTING INFORMATION IN RELATION TO MONEYS OF ACCOUNT, VALUE OF STANDARD COIN, &c.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 5, 1873.

1. What is the unit of the money of account of the country to which you are accredited?

2. Is gold or silver, or both metals at fixed rates, the standard of value?

3. What quantity of fine gold or silver is contained in the coin of exact standard weight and fineness representing the monetary unit?

4. What is the fineness, respectively, of the gold and silver coins?

5. What is the "*tolerance*" or "*remedy of the Mint*" in coinage, both as to fineness and weight?

6. Are there any legal provisions continuing the coins current when reduced by abrasion below the standard and tolerance allowed in manufacture and issue? If so, what is the limit allowed?

7. What are the legal provisions as to the recoinage of gold and silver coins the weight of which is reduced below the least current weight; and is the loss and expense of recoinage defrayed by the state, or individual holders?

8. If practicable, transmit a copy of the Mint laws, and the regulations affecting the coinage of the country.

H. R. LINDERMAN,
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Wm A. Richardson.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 19th, 1873.

Sir

I have to request that you will, at your convenience revise the Statement of foreign coins heretofore accompanying the annual Report, noting such new coins, if any, as have come under your observation, since the last revision, and computing the value of the Gold coins under the reduced coinage charge, and of the Silver coins, at the reduced mint rate for Silver.

If this statement is received by October 1st. it will be in time.

The Act of February 21. 1857. under which the Statements

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent &c

Philadelphia Pa.

statement is made. requires Assays of foreign Coins to be made to determine their actual average weight, fineness, and value, and the figures given, correspond to this requirement of law; but I find that intelligent Bankers incorrectly regard it as dealing with the Standard weight and fineness, and are consequently led into errors.

It is my intention to add two columns, showing the Standard* weight and fineness, and I will *i.e. according to foreign laws,
thank you to supply the figures for the same, so far as you may be in possession of reliable information on the subject.

The replies to the enclosed circular, now being received, will supply much that is wanting, but it is not probable that they will all be at hand in time for this years report.

The two columns to be added will embrace Standard weight and fineness, and the existing ones will give the actual weight and fineness and value of the coins as determined by your Assays.

and thus amended, the statement will present all necessary information upon the subject.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. L. Lindenman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 19/73

Requests a review
by the 1st of October,
of the Statement of
Foreign Coins
heretofore accom-
panying the Annual
Report.

Rec'd June 20/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 7, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The assistant Treasurer at New York states that, in consequence of the near approach of the season when coin is usually exported, it is important that the re-coinage of gold be proceeded with at a more rapid rate than heretofore.

The temporary interruption in the business of your institution — necessarily attending the change from the old to the new coinage law is, I suppose, over, and you can therefore

therefore form an approximate estimate of the amount of re-coinage which we may expect during the present month. Please let me hear from you on this point, and give your best efforts and that of your officers to increase the coinage of Double Eagles.

The Silver coinage must not be permitted to interfere with the coinage of Gold and the minor coinage may be intermitted to the extent you deem necessary.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

April 7. 1873

Increased Gold
Coinage desired, to
the Exclusion of Silver
and minor coinage,
so far as may be
necessary.

Rec'd Apl 8/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 7, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

By Section 40 of the Coinage Act, it is required that pieces taken for the annual assay shall be sealed up in an envelope, and that the date of the delivery, the number and denomination of the pieces inclosed, and the amount of the delivery from which they were taken, shall be properly labeled thereon. A record is also, by the same section, required to be kept of the number and denomination of the

pieces

pieces so taken for the annual trial of coins, and the number and denomination of the pieces represented by them, a copy of which record is to be transmitted quarterly to the Director of the Mint.

I have to request that in conformity with the requirements of the law as above stated, you will transmit to me at the end of each quarter, a copy of the record referred to, separating the deliveries by months constituting the quarter.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.
April 7. 1873

Instructions with
regard to Assay Coins,
under the 40th Section
of the Coinage Act of
1873.

Rec'd Apl 8/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 7, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday respecting degree to which silver can be parted for benifit of depositor @ 8 cents per ounce.

In the instructions, or rather table of charges, which I completed on Saturday, I have embraced copper alloy for gold coins and the trade dollar as a subject of charge (Section 25, Coinage act) and adopted two cents per ounce troy, as recommended by you and Professor Booth in your reply

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to the Secretary's letter of the 26th ult. February, as the rate, corresponding as I suppose it does, with the ordinary average price of that metal.

I shall as soon as the California mails of the 1st and 2nd insts are received, and before issuing the new tariff, come over for a day for conference on various matters; meanwhile, please bring the correspondence with Prof. Miller's Attorney to a point where we can take some definite action upon it.

Very respectfully,

H. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

April 7. 1873

1. Parting charges.
2. Charge for copper alloy for gold coins, & trade dollar.
3. Miller's Chlorine process.

Rec'd Apl 8/73

Treasury Department,

April 9th, 1873.

Sir:

The following nominations, for re-appointment, submitted in your letter of the 3rd instant, are hereby approved, to date from the 1st instant, viz:

Henry C. Hickok, to be Chief Clerk, @ $2,000. per annum.

W. H. Cobb, to be Cashier, @ $2,500. per ann.

L. R. Cowpenthwaite, to be Book Keeper, @ $1,800. per annum.

John S. Lungren, to be Calculating Clerk, @ $1,800. per annum.

O. B. Jones, to be Registrar of Warrants,

@ $1,800. per annum.

I am, very respectfully,
Wm. A. Richardson.
Secretary.

James Pollock, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Mint, Phila., Pa.

Secy Treasury
(Richardson)

April 9. 1873

Approving appt of
Chief Clerk & 4
others.

Rec'd Apl 11/73

Welsh's Corner

York Pa

April 8th 1873

Kind Sir

Would you please in-
-form me wether there was any
Copper pennies Coined in the
year 1815 Eighteen hundred
and fifteen if so are they nu-
-merous or if not what is the
value put on them when in ex-
-cellent Condition and any other
information you can conveniently
give me have in regard to rare
Coins & their value will be than-
-kfully rec'd awaiting your reply
Remain Yours with Respect

W. H. Welsh Grocer,

Wm H. Welsh
Grocer
York, Pa.
April 8. 1873

Were any copper
Cents coined in 1815?

Rec Apl 10/73

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't, New York. | 52 | WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, | New York.

Dated Washington DC Apl 7 1873

Received at

To James Pollock
Supt U S Mint Phila Pa

Draft for fifty thousand eight hundred & seventy five dollars has been forwarded and the other will follow in a day or two

H R Linderman
Director of the mint

38/Collect
Govt Rate

☞ This Message just received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,

Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington DC
April 9, 1873

Draft for $50,875.00
Ordinary has been
sent; & the other will
be sent a day or two.

Rec'd Apl 9/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 9, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,

Supt. Mint U.S. Phila'a.

Dear Sir.

It is my intention to spend Friday at the Mint at which time we will consider several points among them the devices &c for the Trade dollar,

Very Truly Yours

A. R. Linderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(. Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 9. 1873

Will spend Friday
Apl 11th at the Mint
for consultation on
various points, incl —
-cluding the devices
for the trade dollar.

Rec'd Apl 10/73

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/APRIL

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/APRIL (CONT.)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, April 29th 1873

Dear Sir

I hereby tender you my resignation from the Mint, to take effect May 1st 1873.

Very Respectfully

James C. Pollock

Hon James Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

April 29. 1873. Accepted.

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

James C. Pollock

April 29th 1873

Resigns from the
Mint to take effect
May 1st 1873

accepted.

April 29th 1873

(as within)

Mint of the United States, at Philadelphia,

Assay Department. April 29. 1873

Sir

I have from you a copy of the new Tariff of Charges and deductions, which I presume is to take effect on the 1st May.

It is much more complicated than the present Table, but is an improvement upon it, & more consistent.

I ask you to recommend the Director to have the whole printed, for the use of this Mint & the Office at New York. It would be well to print on one broad sheet, to be pasted on a card.

New assayer's Reports will also have to be printed, to suit the items of charge; which I will arange as speedily as possible.

Respectfully yours

W E DuBois

Assayer

Hon. James Pollock

Supt &c

Assayer of the Mint
(Wm E. DuBois)

April 29. 1873

Suggests that the
new Table of Charges
on Bullion should be
printed on Cardboard

Rec'd Apl 29/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 29th, 1873.

Sir.

The 1st Comptroller has decided that under the provisions of the Coinage act of 1873. he cannot recommend a greater advance of funds than one twelfth the monthly expenses of the various mints and assay offices.

In accordance with this decision you are requested to complete and transmit to this office the ordinary expense accounts of your institution, as soon after the 1st of each month as is practicable, forwarding a requisition for the current months as the same time.

I am Sir, very respectfully

A. Loudermilk

Director

Hon James Pollock,

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

First Comptroller of the Treasury has decided that under the Coinage Act of 1873, accounts must be settled ~~monthly~~ & requisitions made monthly instead of quarterly.

Rec'd May 1. 173

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 29, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Please cause an examination to be made of the ore samples sent you today by Adams Express Co, and report the result to this office.

Very respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
Director.

Directing the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 29, 1873

Requests an Examination and report upon ore samples sent by Express.

Rec'd Apl 30/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 28, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The appointment of William Pollock, vice James Pollock, resigned, to take effect May 1st, at a compensation of $5.50/100 per diem, being the same as received by the present incumbent, is approved.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.
April 28. 1873

Approving the
appointment of
Wm C. Pollock
in place of
James C. Pollock
resigned

Rec'd Apl 29/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 28, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt of the Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst appointing Emma Farr Boyd, adjuster @ $1.75 per diem, and Theodore Wyser, Annealer, @ $3.00 per diem, has been received.

These appointments being in the office of the Coiner your letter should have so stated them to be, and that the records of this office be made as complete as possible You should have forwarded the Coiner's letter of nomination.

lease forward the Coroner's nomination as soon as practicable, until the receipt of which I am constrained to suspend action in the premises.

Very respectfully,

A R Lindeman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 28. 1873

The appointment of
Emma Ferr Boyd
adopted
&
Theodore Wyckoff
Annulled
suspended until the
Coiner's nomination
of the same
is received.

Rec'd Apl 29/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 28, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,

Superintendent U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Dear Sir,

I never learned whether it occurred to You to send the family of the late Prof John Torrey a copy of the last Assay medal. If it escaped Your attention it occurred to me as a fitting thing for You to send one with a letter to Miss Margaret Torrey Columbia College N.Y. This daughter was his aid and dependence in the latter years of the Professors life. It occurred also to me I think to send a copy to Prof Barnard who was a member of the Commission and prevented from attending

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

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by sickness. I suppose the expense can be covered the same as those given the Commissioners who were in attendance.

If after these are provided you can spare another I should be glad to buy its cost. I gave mine to Judge Richardson and would like to obtain another to retain in memory of the Eclipse.

Very Truly Yours
H. R. Linderman

Reg. 7 Checks in Coby
2 N. J.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 28. 1873

Suggests to the
presentation of an
Assay Medal
to the daughter of
the late Rev. Jonas
and to Prof. Barnard

Rec'd Apl 29/73

Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 28th April 1873.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt'd't U. S. Mint, Phil'a

Dear Sir,

I addressed a communication to you in relation to the position of Mr Boyd. soliciting his advancement in position, as eminently due to him on his own account, & I should have added, on my own, because I struggled along without a regular assistant for many years, altho' the business of the Mint has warranted the appointment of one.

The enormous responsibility I have had latterly has obliged me to distribute my work mainly between Mr Boyd & Mr John Mirkil, and I do not perceive how we could have executed all the demands of business without both of them. While I do not ask for any other position for J. Mirkil, I do candidly think that

he is eminently deserving of very high compensation. He is able to calculate, & does actually calculate & make up, the melts both of Silver & Gold for the Coiner, & the results in general show his accuracy. Without his aid I would have been obliged to ask for clerical aid. If you could by any possibility give him a per diem compensation of $5 $\frac{50}{100}$ I would like it, as a simply reasonable acknowledgement of his real worth to the Govt.

Very truly yours
I. A. C. Booth
M & R.

From
Prof J. C. Booth
Mo Rolla
as to my that H. B. Boyd
be advanced to the place
of Asst. Mech & Refm.
for the reasons stated &

April 28. 1873.

Rec'd April 28/73.

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, April 28 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent

Sir

I have the honor most respectfully to represent that under the pressure for coinage, the necessity becomes urgent for a new draw bench.

The old wooden framed bench is worn out, and in every particular unfit for use.

If you grant authority to purchase I think we could arrange, so that part of the draw bench for San Francisco, would be given to us; thus avoiding a loss of time.

The new Mint building for which the benches are ordered, will not be ready for their occupation for some time. No inconvenience, therefor, would be experienced by the California Institution on account of this action.

I am respectfully
London Ormsby
Coiner

A. London Snowden
Coiner U.S. Mint

April 28/73

Requests authority
to purchase a
new draw bench.

Approved, May 5/73
J. P.
Supt

Entd ~~April~~ May 5/73
~~Rec'd April 28/73~~

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Copy

Philadelphia, Apl. 28. 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of the 4th. Section of the "Coinage Act of 1873", I have the honor to recommend and nominate Miss Emma F. Boyd as an Adjuster in this Department

I am respectfully
Your obdt. Servt.
(Signed) A. Loudon Snowden
Coiner

Copy

Comer's Dept
Apl. 28. 1873

Recommending and nominating Miss Emma F. Boyd for position of Adjuster

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 26th, 1873.

Sir;

The results of our several conferences on the subject of Devices for the Trade-dollar, was an agreement to finish three pair of Dies embracing three different sets of devices

Will you please inform me when the work will be sufficiently completed to send specimen pieces?

For commercial reasons, it is desirable that the new coin (Trade-dollar) should be issued as early as practicable.

I am Sir, very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

(Director.

Hon James Pollock.

(Superintendent U.S. Mint)

Philadelphia Pa

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 26. 1873

Wants to know when
specimens of the Trade
Dollar can be for-
-warded for Examin-
-ation!

Rec'd Apl 29/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 26, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst, relative to the mode imposition of the coinage charge on coinage executed on account of the United States, has been received.

The appropriation under which the recoinage of gold is now in progress will scarcely be sufficient to meet the difference between the tale and intrinsic value thereof, and if the charge were to be imposed there would be no appropriation out of which to make the payment,

even

even though it be, as stated by you, simply a transfer from one account to another.

So far as a proper credit to the mint is concerned, and which is very proper, it will be made in the annual report of this office, and to that end you will please include the item of what the change would amount to in the annual statement of your operations, commencing with that for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1873.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington, D.C.
April 26. 1873

Deems it inexpedient to make a Coinage Charge for recoining Govt gold coin.

Requests a record to be kept of what it would amount to upto June 30. 1873.

Rec'd Apl 29/73

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 26. April. 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Supt^dt U.S. Mint

Dear Sir,

I herewith transmit you the account, as prepared by Mr Boyd on my behalf, and Mc Cochran, as your representative, showing the Amount of the Metals delivered to, and received from, me on account of the Minor Coinage, during the last three and one quarter years. From this appears that I have been debited with 366,045 3/4 lbs. a.d.p. and credited with 347,209 lbs., leaving a deficit of 18,836 3/4 lbs. or wastage, which appears to be about 5 1/7 pr.ct. on the amount debited to me. Permit me to make a few remarks on this point, which will show that the wastage is only 2 8/10 pr.ct. of the amount of metal operated on, & why there is such wastage.

I may observe. 1. that there is a great difference between the liability to waste of precious & base metals, the latter

tending

tending to oxidize, when heated in the air even to a red heat, & much more when melted. The oxide or rust scales off, being brittle, making a perceptible loss of weight, and either dissolving or disseminating in the slag of the melting pot, so that it cannot be profitably collected. We have recovered a part of these grains, & sold the metal, because they are so deteriorated as to be unfit for coinage. Of the base metals which we use, Copper, Nickel & Tin unite largely with the slag, while zinc is notorious for its volatility. I return in the present settlement upwards of 6000 lbs of such grains melted, as a part of what we have recovered; but it is simply impossible to recover the finer grains, & that dissolved in the slag. The melting pot is then the first place where unavoidable and quite appreciable loss occurs.

2. After the metal is delivered to the coiner it is rolled out into strips of the thickness of the coin to be cut out, but in order to this end it is annealed by heating it to a low red heat on an open furnace hearth more than once. On each occasion of heating, a scale forms on the surfaces of the rolled strips, which

which breaks off & is lost in the sweepings. This scaling is not due to the workmen, but inheres in the baser metals. Some years since, I collected carefully all the scales for several years, and reduced it again to the metallic state. I thus recovered more than 5000 lbs. of metal, which, altho of inferior quality, was sold to brass founders; but upon estimating the cost of the operation, I found that it cost the Government more than we received for it, and have ever since abandoned the attempt to recover the scales. Here then in the mechanical operations of coinage another & serious and unavoidable loss occurs.

3. After the blanks have been made they are cleaned before the final operation of stamping. This consists in dissolving off the outside coating of scales by acid, so as to lay bare the underlying surface of the alloy in its natural color. A considerable quantity of the metal is thus removed, & but a small quantity of it recovered. The above are the three chief sources of loss, altho' not the only ones, and are all unavodable.

Hon. James Pollock. 26 Apr. 73

4. There is another consideration which affects the rate or per-centage of loss, which is, that all the metal which I receive is melted twice, so that while the loss by melting becomes twice as great as by a single melting, the ratio of loss on the whole operations of melting & coinage must be referred to the quantity of metal melted. When I deliver ingots of metal to the coiner, the pieces cut out are half the weight of the ingots, so that the balance, called clippings, constituting the other half, is given back to me to be remelted. On a sound mathematical principle the sum of one, halved ad infinitum, is exactly 2. Hence all the metal operated on has been melted twice, and this amount is just twice that of the blanks delivered. Therefore the amount operated on is not merely the amount delivered by me during the year, & in settlement, (viz 347,209 lbs) but an additional amount of 298,277½ lbs., i.e. clippings melted, making a total of 664,323½ lbs. on which wastage should be calculated. The true percentage of wastage is therefore 2 8/10 pr.ct. instead of 5 7/7 pr.ct. as at first appears on the face of the accompanying statement. 2 8/10 % is moderate wastage on

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, ——— 187—

on the metals embraced in our Minor Coinage

5. It would seem at first as if all the loses in the minor coinage actually occur in my department of the Mint; but the following course of coinage will show that this is not so, & that it should be distributed. I am charged with all the metals purchased or received for the minor coinage. They are melted into ingots, which are informally delivered to the coiner without weighing. He rolls them, anneals them in the fire, cuts out the pieces & prepares them for coinage, delivers back to me the clippings without weighing, & delivers to me the blanks, to be cleaned with acid, without weighing. After I have cleaned them, I return them to the Coiner, who dries them, and then for the first time, during all the operations, I formally deliver them over to the coiner, & receive credit for their weight. The pieces are then finished by stamping, which does not alter their weight. — In short, I am debited with all the metal received for the minor coinage, and credited only with the finished coin. All the losses occurring in melting, cleaning,

rolling, annealing, cutting, &c. are necessarily placed against me, from the mode of our transacting the business, altho. the whole series of operations of rolling, annealing, cutting, &c. are performed on the metal when it is entirely out of my hands.

I do not object to a continuance of the same course as we have heretofore pursued, provided it be clearly understood that I am not held responsible for all the wastage that takes place in the Minor Coinage. I may however remark that my experience in metallurgy allows me to assert that a wastage of 2 to 5 pr. ct. on base metals is perfectly allowable, because unavoidable. If the Mint Bureau desires to know how to distribute the wastage, we shall have to make the alloys of the minor coinage pass through the same course in the Mint as Gold & Silver. In such case, we should deliver Ingots to, and receive back clippings by weight from, the Coiner, and the latter officer would have to arrange for cleaning the cents in his own department. I doubt whether he has space for this.

Respectfully yours

I. A. C. Booth

M & R

Hon. James Pollock. 26. Apr. 73

Jas. C. Booth
M. & R.
Apl 26. 1873.

Explaining the
Settlement of this Cent
Account, from
January 1. 1870.
to April 1. 1873;
showing the ten cent.
of Wastage, and the
Causes of the Wastage.

Rec May 6/73

Table of charges on bullion deposited at the United States Mint at Philadelphia and Assay office New York under the provisions of the Coinage act of 1873.

1. Coinage and Bar charges.

For gold coin	1/2 of 1 per cent.
" Standard gold Bars	1/10 of 1 per cent
" Fine gold Bars	1/20 of 1 per cent
" Silver Trade Dollars	50¢ per 100 pieces.
" Standard Silver Bars	1/2 ¢ per ounce
" Fine Silver Bars	1/4 ¢ per ounce
" Large bars of same silver as deposited	1/3 ¢ per ounce

2. Deposit Melting.

For melting deposits (except "Standard gold bullion" to be converted "into coin") — 50¢ per deposit to 1/10 ¢ per ounce.

3. Toughening.

For toughening gold Bullion — 1/2 ¢ to 2¢ per oz gross.
" " Silver " 1/4 ¢ to 1¢ " " "

4. Separating Gold and Silver bullion.

For bullion containing 700 M (or over) gold, 4¢ pr oz gross.
" " " 200 M to 699½ " 3¢ " " "
" " " 1 M to 199½ " 1½¢ " " "
If it contains over 100 M base metal, 1¢ " " additional

The silver to be credited to the depositor is to be calculated on the basis of refining the gold to 990 M.

5. Refining Gold Bullion.

For refining gold bullion, when the alloy is not silver, the same rates of charge will be made as for separating gold and silver bullion.

6. Refining Silver Bullion (for fine bars.)

For bullion containing 980 M to 994½ M silver, ½¢ pr oz gross
" " " 950 M " 979½ M " 1¢ " " "
" " " 600 M " 949½ M " 1½¢ " " "
" " " less than 600 M " 2¢ " " ".

When coin, trade dollars or standard bars are paid out to the depositor instead of fine bars, the charge for refining will be ¼¢ per ounce less on silver bullion and for both kinds of

bullion or only the amount required to be refined to raise the whole to standard.

7. Alloy.

For copper used for alloying bullion for gold coins or trade dollars, 2¢ per oz troy.

A toughening charge may be made in addition to that for separating or refining.

Limit as to the separation of Gold and Silver for account of Depositors.

Neither silver contained in gold nor gold in silver is to be separated for the benefit or at the expense of the depositor, unless the value of the parted metal exceeds the expenses of the operation, estimated according to the above charges, one dollar or more.

Regulations.

To guide the United States Mint Philadelphia, and the Assay office New York, in making allowances and

deductions on deposits.

1. In receiving bullion, fractions of one hundredth of an ounce (.01 oz) for gold, and of the five hundredths (.05 oz) for silver, shall be disregarded, and inure to the benefit of the Melter and Refiner's accounts.

2. In receiving fine silver bullion from 99 1/2 to 1.000 fine, in drafts of 3.000 ounces and upwards, a deduction of from five to ten hundredths of an ounce shall be made on each such draft in favor of the Melter and Refiner's accounts.

3. Base silver bullion other than the above, the alloy consisting chiefly of copper, with one or more of the following substances, viz: lead, antimony, bismuth, tin, arsenic, and sulphur, shall, at the discretion of the Superintendent, be subject to the following deductions on the gross weight

of the deposit:

When from 600 to 750 M fineness, 1½ per cent
When from 750 to 900 M fineness, 1 per cent.

4. On all bullion other than that embraced under the preceding 3rd Regulation, the following deductions from the gross weight may be made by the Superintendent, as compensation for impurities or unavoidable loss in fitting bullion for deposit:

For gold, .0001 of its weight, i.e. one oz in 10.000
For Silver, .0005 of its Weight, i.e. one oz in 2.000.

The said deductions shall inure to the benefit of the Melter and Refiner's accounts.

5. The Melter and Refiner shall supervise and direct the mode of melting deposits in the deposit melting-room, and the weight after melting shall be the weight with which the depositor shall be credited. He shall likewise be empowered to call upon the

Assayer, before and during the operations of melting, to make any examinations necessary to determine the gold and silver, and the character and approximate quantities of foreign substances associated with them.

6. The Superintendent shall estimate quarterly the amount of deductions made under regulations 3 and 4 and transmit a statement thereof to the Director of the Mint.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Approved:
Wm. A. Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 25, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed please find table of charges on bullion fixed by this office, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, and which will take effect on and after the first proximo.

With respect to silver bullion less than 600 M fine, it will be subject to rejection when its character is such as, in the judgment of the Superintendent, Assayer and Melter and Refiner, to render it unsuitable for minting operations. Very respectfully,

H R Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 25. 1873

Enclosing table of
changes in Bullion,
fixed by the Director
of the Mint, with the
approval of the
Secretary of the Treasury

Rec'd Apl 26/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 25, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant submitting account of J.A. Bailly, for models furnished the Mint, is received.

The rates charged appear to be very high, and I have to request that you will ask Mr Bailly to reconsider the subject with a view to some modification of price. I should think $300 a fair sum, and if he will accept that amount you will pay it from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses

of

the Mint.

The rates are higher than we have ever paid for similar work since my first connection with the Mint.

Very respectfully,

F. R. Henderson

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

April 25. 1873

J. A. Bailly's bill for
designs for new coins,
too large. $300. & Engrs.
Payable out of the Con-
-tingent Expenses of the
Mint.

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 25, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letters of the 14th and 19th insts in relation to the mode of paying the expenses of transportation on the subsidiary silver coin, I have to inform you that it is not deemed expedient at this time to change the present practice.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 25. 1873

The mode of paying the Expenses of transportation on the subsidiary Silver Coin, will be continued as heretofore.

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 25, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst, enclosing an official statement of the annual settlement of the Melter and Refiner up to April 1, 1873; also a copy of a communication from Professor Booth, the Melter and Refiner, on the subject.

I have to request that you will submit to the Assayer the following extract from Prof Booth's report, with a view to obtain the opinion of that officer on the points submitted by

the Melter and Refiner, to which you will add such suggestions as may be deemed proper:

"Second. The Coinage of the past "year showed at the Annual Assay, "an excess of 4/10, 4/10 & 6/10 above the stand- "ard of 900 for the three different "periods of the year, and each sin- "gle piece of coin assayed above 900. "Taking the lower number of 4/10 on a "coinage of 1.884.283 94/100 ozs, there is a "loss to my account of 753 71/100 ozs. paid "to depositors, through the ~~excess~~ fineness "richness of our coin. This fact will "oblige me to insist upon a still "lower average than 899 M, which "I have heretofore used to obtain coins "of 900 M, in order to secure the "Government from loss." "

I have further to request that you will furnish me with a copy of the letter of the Department authorizing the excess over last years wastage to be embraced in the present years accounts.

Very respectfully,

H Lohmann

Director

Director of the Mint

(Linderman)

Washington D.C.

April 25. 1873

Requests opinion of Assayer with regard to Statement of M. & R. that our Coins were in Excess of the Standard last Year, & producing that much loss.

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Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 25 April 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint
Dear Sir,

On winding up our minor Coinage Acct. I find that we have delivered over 433 lbs. of copper to the Engraver on Medal Acct. for which of course I was credited in settlement. It is clear that this should not be charged to me on redelivery, as I do not actually receive it, but to the Medal Acct. — Further there are over 6000 lbs. of Residues from melting the grains from our Nickel alloy, which ought to be taken charge of by the Treasurer and sold for what they will bring. They are wholly unfit to make coin. —

Lastly, there are over 6000 lbs. of old Copper Cents melted in moulds, or still in form of coin, which yield

such a hard & intractable alloy when used for our Bronze coinage, that I urgently recommend the sale of all the cent metal (of copper alone). It will certainly bring its value in the Market, & then we can purchase a suitable quality for the Bronze coin, when required.

Respectfully yours
Ja C Booth
M & R

From
Prof Jas. C. Booth
M. & R.
Copper accounts & Mines
Comps &c with M. & R

April 25th 1873

Rec'd April 26/73.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 23, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a price list of the series of medals which the mint has for sale. If the Pacific Rail Road Medal is not included in the list please add the price of the same.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 23. 1873

Wants price list
of medals issued
by the Mint.

Rec'd Apl 24/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 23, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for the use of your office Fifty (50) blank forms No 1 (requisitions for funds) which will be used hereafter in place of the old forms.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

#1 a. 50 copies

Directed by Chas Mudd
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 23. 1873

Forwarding 50
blank requisitions
(new form) for quar-
-terly appropriations.

Rec'd Apl 24/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 23d, 1873.

Sir.

Your letter of the 22d instant in relation to monthly counts and examination of the moneys and accounts in the office of the Assist Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia, under the provisions of the act of August 6th 1846. has been received.

After having conferred with, and received the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject, I have to inform you that, the abrogation of the office of Treasurer of the Mint under the coinage act of 1873. relieves you from the duty of participation in the examination prescribed by the law first referred to,

and

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

and you will not therefore hereafter act as one of the Examiners.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

(Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 23. 1873

Supt of the U.S.
Mint at Philadel-
phia, not obliged
to join in the
Monthly Count at
the Office of the
Asst Treas. U.S.

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SAMUEL TOWNSEND & SON,

Produce Commission Merchants,

No. 47 SOUTH CALVERT STREET.

Baltimore apl 23rd 1873

Thos Jay. Pollock Supt
@ Phila

Dr Sir

Yours 5th duly to hand
please inform me whether
I can get from your office
one of each of the 2¢ piece
for the years 1864 to 1873
I will send the amount
type can forward by Express
or otherwise.

In so doing you will
much oblige yr friend

D. L. Townsend

Jos. L. Townsend
Baltimore Md

April 23, 1873

Wants 2 d pieces
for 1864 to 1873.

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 23. April. 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Supt'd U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to draw your attention to Mr. N. B. Boyd, a gentleman in my Office, who has occupied the position of a workman ever since his appointment in the Mint. In the clerical duties which I entrusted to him he has exhibited unusual industry and ability, and I think that you can yourself confirm my assertion that his accounts are models in clearness, thoroughness and neatness. His recent election to the Select Council of Phila shows the estimation in which he is generally held in the Community; I think that his clerical ability, liberal education, study & practice of law, entitle him to a far higher position than he has yet received. I have long needed an assistant in my Office, and now especially, when the business in my department of the Mint is very extended & constant, and likely to continue,

I would respectfully ask of you to appoint Mr Boyd as a regular Apistant to the Melter & Refiner.

Very truly yours

Jas C Booth

M & R.

Fam
Prof J. C Booth
Med. & Reform.
Recommend N. B. Boy
for appointment as Asst
Med. & Refm.

April 23rd 1873

Rec'd April 24/73.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 22, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst, stating the estimated cost of preparing the apparatus for the use of Miller's Chlorine Process, has been received, and you are authorised to proceed in the necessary preparations for the use of the process.

Very respectfully,
H Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 22. 1873

Supt is authorized to proceed with the necessary preparations for the Miller's Chloride process of refining Gold.

Rec'd Apl 23/73

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 22nd April. 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Supt'dt U. S. Mint, Phila

Dear Sir,

I herewith present you with a State-ment, drawn up by Mr. S. B. Boyd, of the amounts of Gold and Silver operated on during the past year, from 1. April. 1872 to 1. April. 1873, and the resulting wastage. From this Statement it appears that the wastage of Gold is about one seventh ($\frac{1}{7}$) of that allowed by law, and that the wastage of Silver is rather more than one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of that allowed by Law. On these two points permit me to make a few remarks.

Wastage of Gold. The amount is below the average of the last 20 years, but yet more than I like to see. If I had been allowed to make a thorough search as I did last year, the amount would no doubt be reduced by from 50 to 100 ounces, but with the present urgent demand

mand for coinage of Gold & Silver, so long a stoppage of the operations of the Mint, merely to modify slightly the apparent wastage, would I think be unjustifiable. The largeness of the wastage also indicates clearly the influence of base metals in the auriferous silver, whereby more volatilization than usual results. In the light of these remarks the wastage is moderate.

Wastage of Silver. On this point I observe, first, that the wastage is apparently increased by adding in 947 $\frac{88}{100}$ oz., the excess of last year's wastage, as ordered by Dep^{t}.

2nd The coinage of the past year showed, at the Annual Assay, an excess of $\frac{4}{10}$, $\frac{4}{10}$ & $\frac{6}{10}$ above the standard of 900 for the three different periods of the year, & each single piece of coin assayed above 900. Taking the lower number of $\frac{4}{10}$ on a coinage of 1,884,283.$\frac{94}{100}$ oz. there is a loss to my account of 753 $\frac{71}{100}$ oz. paid to depositors, through the excessive richness of our coin. This fact will oblige me to insist upon a still lower average than 899 $^{m}/_{m}$, which I have heretofore used to obtain coin of 900 $^{m}/_{m}$ in order to secure the Government from loss.

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3rd. Before the Wastage Commission determined last year how much weight should be deducted from very base silver, as the amount which would necessarily be lost in bringing such silver into a condition for deposit in the Mint, we had received of such silver from Parker Handy & Co. 139,171 $\frac{99}{100}$ oz. (Standard). The amount allowed on this would have been at 1 pr.ct. (the least ratio) 1391 $\frac{71}{100}$ oz. st. to which extent therefore my wastage has been increased, & the Government has lost, and the depositor overpaid.

4th The Commission further determined the excess of charge on the impure surfaces of baser bars, which had been debited to me as silver by weight, altho largely consisting of impurities. The half of what they determined, applied to 700 000. oz. of st. silver was $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{1000}$ = 350 = oz. st. as an overcharge against me before the regulations of the Commission were executed.

5th In like manner by taking only one third of the ratio which

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of surface impurity on the clippings which the Commission determined, but did not finally report on, as incomplete, this ratio being $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{1000}$ on 2,233,778$\frac{20}{100}$ oz. clippings shows an over-charge against me of 558$\frac{44}{100}$ oz..

To determine the actual wastage of the year, or to make a near approximation to it, the above items should be deducted from the reported wastage; thus:

		St. oz. Silver
Reported wastage as per Schedule herewith		5,576.28
Excess of wastage from 1872 =	947.88	
Loss by excess of assay	753.71	
Allowance (not made) on base bullion =	1391.71	
Overcharge on impure surfaces	350.00	
Overcharge on clippings	558.44	4,001.74
Approximate actual wastage.		1,574.54

The same remarks made in relation to the Gold will also apply here, that a longer time for closing would diminish the above wastage by from 100 to 500 oz.. The actual wastage of the year, in the sense of the Mint laws, will be about 1000 oz. or $\frac{1}{9}$ of the ratio allowed by law.

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MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, _____ 187—

Considering the character of a large amount of the Silver operated on during the past year, I would consider 1000 oz. a very moderate wastage; for it is a loss of about 70 lbs. out of 300,000 lbs. (or about 150 tons.)

Divested of the modifying circumstances of gains or loses, as well as I can do so, it appears that the actual loss of both Gold and Silver during the past year has been one-fourth of one thousandth of the standard weight of each metal operated on (equal to 0.00025)

Respectfully yours

I. A. C. Booth

M & R

Hon. James Pollock . 22 April-73

Mint, U. S. Phila;
letter from Prof.
Booth, M. & R. to
Supt; on wastage
on gold & silver &c

April 22/73

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Letter

Philadelphia, April 22 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of the 4th. Section of the "Coinage Act of 1873," I have the honor to recommend and nominate Theodor Nyser as Annealer in this Department, in the place of Jacob Kulp resigned.

I am respectfully
Your obdt Servt
(Signed) A. Loudon Snowden
Coiner

Copy

Coroner's Dept
Apl. 22. 1873

Recommending and
nominating Theodore
Wyman for position
of Annealer, in place
of Jacob Kulp, resigned

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 19th, 1873.

Sir,

I send you by this days mail for the use of your office, Ten hundred Circulars, Mint Bureau No. 2 relative to the issue of minor coins of the United States in exchange at par for lawful money.

I am Sir, very respectfully

A. Loudenslager

Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

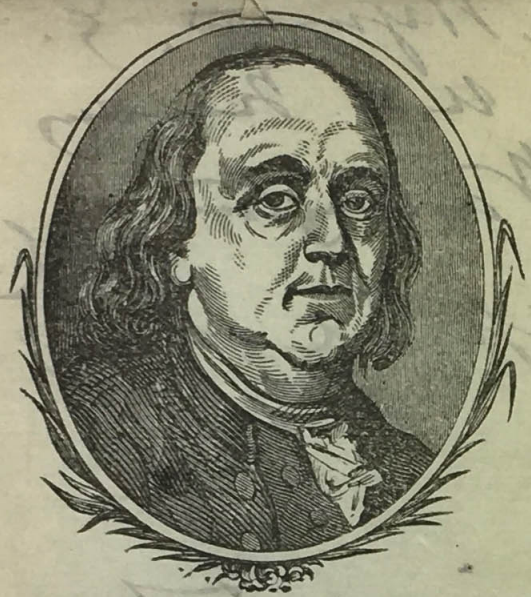
Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.
April 19, 1873

Forwards Assistant
Mint Bureau, No. 2,
Exchange of minor
Coins for Currency.

Rec'd Apr 21/73



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J. W. BROWN, Pres. J. G. SMITH, Supt.

BLANK No. 1.

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By Telegraph from Boston D C

To James Pollock

Superintendent

Mint

Please hold until

further notice without the

assay or melting

gold nugget I sent yesterday

15 Inst & A A Wyman

Cash

This message has just been received at the office.

NEW BUILDING

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RUDGE & SON, PRINTERS AND STATIONERS, BOSTON.

A. U. Reynolds Esq.
Cashier U.S. Treasury
Washington D.C.
April 19. 1873

Request to hold
suggested gold, without
melting or assay

Columbia College,

NEW YORK.

President's Room, Apr. 19, 1873

Dear Sir,

I was greatly disappointed at being prevented by a sharp though temporary attack of illness from being present at the Assay Commission in February, Mr. Knox tells me that I am entitled to receive one of the Assay Medals. I shall esteem it a favor if you will forward it to me at your convenience. Respectfully, &c.,

Hon. Jas. Pollock U. S. Mint, Samuel

President
F. A. P. Barnard
Columbia College
New York

April 19, 1873

Regrets ~~not~~
one of the last
Assay Medals

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 18, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 17th inst enclosing Abstract sheets for Deposits and Purchases of silver bullion which I have on full consideration decided to adopt for the coinage mints and New-York Assay office. As I have enclosed the forms sent by you to the Assay office I will thank you to send me another set for the files of this office: also, the Gold sheet.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.
April 18. 1873

Has rec'd & appr'd
the Phil'a Mint: form
of Abstract sheet for
deposits and purchases
of silver bullion, and
directed that use be made
the Mints and the U.S.
Assay Offices.

Rec'd Apl 19/73

Mint of the United States,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 18. April. 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Supt^t U.S. Mint

Dear Sir,

In response to the letter of the Director of the Mint of 17th inst. in relation to Miller's Chlorinee process, I state that, as we have the whole of Mr^r Miller's apparatus for conducting the Chlorine process, it only requires to be set up, by our Carpenters & Masons, at a cost not exceeding $100=; and probably with the addition of a new melting furnace, like those in present use, which will cost several hundred dollars, but should not be chargeable to the acct. of that process, because it will be used in the ordinary operations of melting, independent of Miller's process. The whole cost of furnace, stock, & erection will not be $500=

Respectfully yours
Jas E Booth

P.S. The proceß can be put in opera-
tion within two weeks.

La C. Booth

Jas. C. Booth, M.A.R.

Can prepare to use
Miller's Chlorine
process in two weeks,
at a cost of less
than $600.—

Rec'd Apl 1873

Boston
April 18/73

My Dear Sir

You will recollect that I had conversation with you in regard to the execution of a Medal for the American Pomological Soc'y. At that period you wrote me that if we gave time, the artist could furnish the die for about One Hundred Fifty dollars.

I now hereen the sen the designs subject to the suggestions of

P. S. I have been much gratified in the perusal of the "Governors of Pennsylvania especially", for your own services.

Mr. Thomas letter
which I enclose.

Will you please
do me the great
favor to inform
me if the work
can be done at
in accordance
with these stip-
ulations — when —
& at what price
Our Soc'y has no
funds therefore
I must be par-
doned for being so
explicit

Yours with pro-
found respect
Marshall P. Wilder

Gov Pollock

Hon Marshall P. Wilder,

Boston

Mass

April 18. 1873

Enclosing design
for medal for "Am
Pomological Society"

Rec'd Apl 21/73

Slip

Treasury of the United States.

CASH DIVISION.

Washington April 18th 1873.

Sir -

I enclose herewith nugget of Gold. gross weight about 8½ ozs.

I will thank you to make an assay of the same, and to send me the usual Certificate of the assay; also, if you please, to pay the value of the same by deposit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia to the Credit of the Treasurer U.S. in Coin Treasurer Account; forwarding the

Ask Treasurer's acknowledgment.

This nugget was found near the Great Falls of the Potomac,

Very Respectfully,

A. U. Wyman

Cashier

Hon Ed Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

A. W. Wyman, Esq
Cashier U.S. Assay Office
Washington D.C.

April 18. 1873

Forwards nugget of Gold for assay and deposit.

Rec'd Apl 19/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I enclose copies of papers showing the arrangement with the Attorney of Professor Miller for the use of the latters refining process at the Mint in Phiadelphia.

The new table of charges will be predicated on the use of the above process. You will therefore advise me of the expense of preparing the necessary apparatus, and the time required to put the same in readiness for use. Very respectfully,

A R Linderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington ~~D.C.~~ D.C.
April 17, 1873

Enclosing copy of
letter accepting the use
of Millers Chlorine
process until July 1st
1874
Wants Estimate of
Expenses of appa-
-ratus &c.

Also letter from Prof Booth
(enclosed)

Rec'd Apl 18 73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The following memorandum, in reference to the want of vouchers in certain items in the accounts of the Mint, was handed me yesterday by the clerk in the Comptroller's office having charge of the Mint accounts:

"In adjusting an account, I like to have some kind of voucher for every item, whether Dr. or Cr., but in many cases we had to accept the simple statement of the officer of the Mint for the amount to be charged

or

or credited. For example, there were no vouchers for the redemption of minor coinage, no cent checks; no vouchers for, in many instances, the sale of sweeps; none for profits on proof coins, or sale of silver dollars; none for sale of products of the Mint or Assay office, or old materials. The simple admission of something to be charged in the a/c is not so good as a bill of sale or a receipt of the purchaser".

I do not doubt that under the law and instructions you have already considered some of these items, and will in due time see that vouchers are taken and rendered with the accounts in all cases where it is practicable to do so. Very respectfully,

H Robinson

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.
April 17, 1873

Better vouchers
hereafter desired
by the accounting
officers of the De-
-partment.

Rec'd Apl 18/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a letter of instructions relative to Minor Coinage accounts.

Very respectfully,
H Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.
April 17, 1873

Enclosing instructions relative to the Minor Coinage A/c's of the Supt of the Philadelphia Mint

Rec'd Apl 18/73

OFFICE OF

JOHN MUSSELMAN,

Portage Iron Works,

Duncansville, Blair Co., Pa., April 17 1873

Mint
Phila

Enclosed you have a piece of money, which was found some time ago, in a field in Sinking Valley this Co. (in what is known as Penn's Manor.) Please give the value and the kind it is

Respectfully
Jas E Thompson

~~Where is the piece of money?~~

A piece of one schilling of the city of Hamburg in Germany — very base silver. Interesting for a coin collector.

Jas. E. Thompson
Duncansville Pa

April 17, 1873

Enclosing Small
Coin for Examination
& Report

Rec'd Apl 21/73

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, April 17th 1873

Know all men by these presents that I, James Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, have authorized and empowered, and do hereby authorize and empower my Chief Clerk Henry C. Hickok, at any time during my temporary absence from the Mint, to endorse all checks, drafts and vouchers that may require my official signature.

Witness my hand the day and year above mentioned

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt U. S. Mint
at Philadelphia

April 17, 1873

Authorizing his
Chief Clerk to
Endorse checks, drafts
&c during his tem-
-porary absence.

Rec'd Apl 17/73

Instructions relative to the Minor Coinage accounts of the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia. April 17. 1873

Section 29. of the Coinage Act of 1873. provides "That for the purchase of metal for the minor coinage author-"-ized by this act, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand "dollars in lawful money of the United States. shall be "transferred by the Secretary of the Treasury to the credit "of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia."

The sum when transferred will be in Currency, and must be designated in the accounts of the Superintendent as the "Minor Coinage metal Fund."

The "cents Bullion." and coinage accounts have heretofore been included by the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia, when rendering his accounts to the Department in the same statements with the gold and silver bullion accounts.

Hereafter in view of the fact that the "minor coinage" metal fund will be currency, while the Bullion fund, to facilitate the payment of gold and silver deposits is in Coin. the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will render the Minor Coinage account in a separate form from the gold and silver bullion.

Accounts having a currency basis must be kept separate from those of a coin basis.

Section 29. also provides that the gain arising from the coinage of minor coins shall be credited to "Minor Coinage and Profits fund." (Should be called Minor coinage Profits and Loss account.) - which fund is only to be charged with the wastage of the Coiner and Melter and Refiner, in their operations, and the expenses incurred in distributing the minor coins. the balance to be paid into the Treasury

Congress having made appropriations for wages of workmen, and contingent expenses of the minor coinage, (heretofore paid out of the profits.) - the disbursements on account of the above expenses will be charged in, and rendered by the Superintendents as a part of his regular ordinary expense account, but the Rolls for wages of workmen, and vouchers for contingent expenses thereof, will be marked "Minor Coinage".

This will enable the Superintendents to keep an accurate account of the expenses of the same.

Under these instructions, the Superintendents of the Mints at Philadelphia will render four accounts. viz:

Gold and Silver Bullion.
Minor Coinage.
Ordinary Expenses.
& Judicial accounts.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Approved
Wm. A. Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury.

F. H. S.

Instructions

in relation to "minor Coinage" account

of

Superintendent of Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia

"

approved

April 17th 1873

United States Assay Office,

New York, April 17 1873

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. containing proposition to remit $5.700. in quarter dollars of the old issue of '73. the same being applicable to the payment of Invoices #31 & 32. under existing laws at the time of the deposit.

We shall require nearly, if not all of that amount. in settlement of claims prior to April 1st. I have therefore no objection to receive the $5.700. in Quarters of the old issue of 73. and will thank you to forward them with as little delay as possible.

Very Respectfully

Hon Jas Pollock
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia. Pa

Thos. E. Stone
Superintendent

N. Y. Assay Office

Will receive
$5,700. in quarter
dollars of the old
issue,

Rec'd Apl 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 16, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant, respecting the manner of accounting for the expenses of distributing Silver Subsidiary coin, has been received.

Before deciding the point submitted by you, I would be glad to be informed whether the transportation expenses on coins sent the Assay office (Gold, Silver dollars and Subsidiary Silver) have heretofore been paid out of the contingent fund of the Mint.

The

The law would appear to leave it an open question whether the expense of transportation of the subsidiary silver coin to the Assay office shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Mint or the profits of the silver coinage, and the practice heretofore observed will control the construction on this point.

Very respectfully,

A. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.
April 16. 1873

Enquires as to
what fund the
Expenses of trans-
-porting the Sub-
-sidiary Silver
Coins have been
paid heretofore.

Rec'd Apl 17/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 15, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition dated the 12th inst for the sum of $14.835.58, the amount of unexpended balance on hand on the 31st ult deposited by the late Treasurer of the Mint has this date been approved and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. It will be made special and the draft sent you in a few days.

Very respectfully,
H R Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 15. 1873

Special requisition for $4,835.58 cts Lapp'd
Draft will be forwarded in a few days.

Rec'd Apl 16/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 15, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find a blank form of abstract sheet for "Deposits of Silver Bullion", received this date from New York, which I have to request you submit to Mr Leungren, ascertaining in what respect it differs from the form he has prepared, and ~~what are~~ his opinions as to its adoption.

Please return the form and accompanying letter of Mr Sloyd with your report.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.

Enclosed for Examination & opinion, blank form of abstract sheet for "Deposits of Silver Bullion." & rec'd from N.Y. Assay Office.

Rec'd Apl 16/73

Office Sou. Boston R.R. Co.
Boston April 15. 1873

Geo. Eastw Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir:

You did me the favor. to forward by Adams Exp. Co. in June last some Copper Coin: I am desirous of further accommodation of Coin; will it suit your pleasure to receive a Cashier's Check, on one of the Boston Nat'l Bks. the New York Nat'l Banks. in payment? or need I send you the Currency? I desire $1000. in 2 cent pieces

Respy. Yours
H. L. Hansom Treas.

H. P. Hanson

Boston

Mass.

April 15/73

Wants 2 ¢ pieces

Rec'd & ans'd.

apl 16/73 —

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 15, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt. Mint U.S. Phila'a
Sir,

I will thank you to send me one of the printed circulars relative to the issue of Minor Coins for U.S. currency, as are prior to the 1st inst.

Very Respectfully,
J. R. Snideman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 15. 1873

Wants copy of
Circular relative
to the issue of
Trime Coins. for
Currency, in use
prior to the 1st
inst.

Rec'd Apl 16/73

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, April 15. , 1873.

Sir.

In acknowledging the receipt to day, from the Mint, of $200.000 of the recoinage of our light gold coin, I beg leave to enquire if we shall soon get another million? We have that amount ready to ship, and as the season when the count of coin is likely to commence is near at hand, it is very important that the work of recoinage should go on as rapidly as possible. Under the new coinage act one half of our coin is below the least weight and cannot be paid out.

Very respectfully

James Pollock Esq
Supt of the Mint.

W. A. Wells
Asst Treas

Thos. Hillhouse Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.
New York
April 15. 1873

Enquire if he can send another million of Gold for coinage.

Recd Apl 16/73

All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "Commissioner of Internal Revenue," and in replying to Letters from this Office the marginal initials should be referred to.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,

Washington. April 14, 1873.

Sir!

Please send me a copy of the last report of the Director of the U.S. Mint,

Very Respectfully,
H. A. Stratton,

Hon J. Pollock,
Director of the US Mint.

W. A. Stratton
Int. Rev. Office
Treas. Dept
Washington D.C.
April 14. 1873

Wants Copy of
last annual report

Rec'd Apl 15/73

Waynesburg

April 14th 1873

To Superintendent U States
Mint-

Sir

Enclosed Please find an ore
witch I wish you to have tested
and Report to me what it is
and what it Contains. It was
found close to lead ore. in
Greene County Pa. closte to the
County Seat

P.S. Please to send me an
answer as Soon as Convenient
we think that Lead Iron And
Silver is Plenty in this County
if only tested And this is my
Business at Present-

Yours Truly
Thomas. Bradley

T. Bradley
Waynesburg Pa
apl 14/73

ore for examtn

Rec'd. & Ans'd.
apl. 17/73 —

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 14, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt (by Adams Express) of the seal you caused to be prepared for the use of this office.

The article gives entire satisfaction, and you will please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
April 14. 1873

Ack'g rec't of
official Letter Seal.

Rec'd Apl 15/73

Copy

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 14th, 1873.

E. S. Renwick Esq.
#19. Park Place.
New York.

Sir

The correspondence between yourself and the Philadelphia Mint in reference to the use by that institution of the Miller Refining Process, has been referred to this office.

We cannot await further information from Professor Miller, who, I suppose, is in Australia, for the reason that we must adopt the one process or the other at the present time.

With a view to arrange the matter I suggest that you allow us to use the process until 1st July 1874. with the privilege of purchasing at, or before the expiration of that time, the rights for the Philadelphia Mint with the understanding that for any time we may use it up to July 1. 1874, such sum shall be paid Profr Miller as the

pieces of the Philadelphia Mint may recommend, subject to the approval of this office and the Secretary of the Treasury.

Please reply as early as convenient.

Very Respectfully

(Sd) H R Linderman

Director

19. Park Place. New York.

April 15th 1873.

Hon R. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

U.S. Treasury Department

Sir,

Your favor of the 14th has been duly received, and the proposition it contains is accepted; the proposition being that the Government shall be allowed to use the Miller Patented Process until July 1st 1874; that the compensation for such use to be paid by the Government shall be such sum as the Officers of the Philadelphia Mint shall recommend, subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury; and that the Government shall have the privilege of purchasing the right to use the Invention of the Philadelphia Mint (and not elsewhere) at any time between the present date and July 1st 1874, for the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars in Gold

Respectfully Yr Obt Servt.

(signed) F. B. Miller

by his atty (as) E. S. Rennicks

(184.)

H. W. Gorman
Agent.

Adams Express Company,

PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

Depot, Eleventh and Market Sts.

Philadelphia, 4/15 1873

S. B. Tobey Esq
Dear Sir

We send you this City Sent by us Mantua 11/73 Martin Thayer & Bay Coat 300.00 Merchants National Bank Newark NJ They write Mint dated 17th Apl that Boys had not come to hand How is it

Yours
H W Gorman

Newark 4/19/73
4 Bags $300.00 Sold 3/12/73
Martin Thayer Books Signed
Hubbard Teller S B Tobey agt

AMES L. HAYS, President. LINUS M. PRICE, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK,

OF NEWARK, N. J.

Newark, April 17 1879

James Pollock Esq Director

Dear Sir.

We ordered from you about a month ago $500 in bank coin. How soon may we expect them?

Respt

L M Price

Cashier

March 11th Martin Messenger

Sent March 11th inst

L. M. Price, Cash.
Merchants Nat. Bk.
Newark
N. J.
April 17, 1873

Enquiries about
$300. bals. Coms
ordered some time
ago.

Rec'd Apl 17/73

All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "Commissioner of Internal Revenue," and in replying to Letters from this Office the marginal initials should be referred to.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,

Washington. April 14, 1873.

Sir:

I see by an act passed at the last session of Congress that the par of exchange with Great Britain will, on the 1st day of Jany 1874, be fixed at $4.8665, being the true value of the sovereign or pound sterling, According to your report of 1871, I make the true value 4.8633, and I would like to see how it is made to appear $4.8665,

Very Respectfully,
W. A. Stratton,

Hon J. Pollock,
Director of the U.S. Mint.

the reported the new or uncoin sovereign (pound sterling at 916.5 fine, whereas the British standard, which is 22 carats, comes to 916.67. As we can only report to half-thousandths, there is a slight discrepancy.

The rate just fixed by Congress, being a result of arithmetic, not of assay, suits the par of exchange rather better.

U. States, Ex
Int. Rev. office
Treas. Dept
Washington

April 14, 1873

Munich, the thaler value
of Mint of Sterling 4.86.33.
of Mint of Hamburg
the Mark marks 27
4.86.65.

Rec Apl 15/73

(Cashier's Form G.)

Treasury of the United States.

Washington, April 13th, 1878.

Sir:

I credit your account this day with _____

One hundred thousand — dollars. ($100.000. Silver)
100

as a transfer of funds for Standard Silver Dollars, like amount received by express, as per T.O. # 4972

Very respectfully,

A. Huntington
Asst. Treasurer U. S.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Phila
Pa.

Silver Dollar Issue

634

A. A. Wyman,
A. T. Washington,
13 April 1878

Acknl. $1,000,000 Silver
Dollars, T.O. *4972.

Rec'd 15 Ap'l 78.

Office of the **NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN FERRY COMPANY.**

FOOT OF SOUTH SEVENTH STREET.

Williamsburgh, April 12 1873

Director US Mint

Dr Sir!

On March 25 I sent to the US Mint $1000.- in 5° pieces & $40.= in old 5 dollars $1240.=
To day I received draft from Washington for $1034.91, a deficience of $5.09. upon this I am at a loss to understand this large mistake, if any, and therefore respectfully request You, to inform me wherein the Error consisted, of the 5° or 5 pieces where short in amounts or if the whole 5.09 was for Counterfeits.

Mr Seely answer is
respectfully requested

Yours truly
W Vanostrand
Sec'y

N Y & Brooklyn Ferry
Co
Williamsburgh
N Y
April 12, 1873

complains of too great
loss in coin sent for
redemption

Rec'd April 15/73

11 April 93

Sir

I have to express my very great regret for the occurrence of any delay on my part in not sending you an acknowledgement of the receipt of the communication to Lord [illegible]

I received your letter informing me of them dispatch on the 4 December – on the 13th Dec. I posted to your address a copy of the Board's minutes on the subject

On the 21 December I received the Cards and the following mail I wrote an acknowledgement of their receipt and intimated the posting of the book to you. In immediately I supposed though I cannot find another for certain that the letter was lost & the Nature Person whom I have to return my very great regret for the same the delay in sending of the certain proofs is due

to the feature of the punch and matrix for Bolts 10 & 25 & sold prices to that on the matrix can been agreed by me- it was necessary to make a new matrix before this could be put up and run. The matrices can complete and I hope in a few days to be able to obtain some of the samples of the proofs when I will send the difference of cost and

I send you an account
of the proceedings of
our Council
again apologizing for
the delay in sending the
Court sheets the hurried
form and present hurried

A Hyde Lt Col
Royal Engrs
Secty of the Court

To the Court for Pollock
Drucha U S Mines

Col. A. Hyde
Master of the Mint
Calcutta
(Apl 11/73)

Ack'g rect of
U.S. coins sent &c

Rec'd May 15/73

19 Park Place, New York

April 9th 1873

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Director U. S. Mint - Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Your favor of March 31st relative to the Miller Patent was duly received. In reply I may say that the proposition as to payment by royalties was made at the request of Dr. Linderman. Dr. Miller would undoubtedly prefer to sell the right for the Philadelphia Mint at once for a specific sum.

As respects the price for the right for the Philadelphia Mint, I may say that I am not authorized to accept payment except in gold for the right, or to take less than the sum mentioned ($10 000) in my previous letter. If you have any proposition to make on any other basis or terms

I shall be pleased to report the same to Dr. Miller and to forward his reply when it is received.

Yours respectfully

E. S. Renwick

att. for F. B. Miller.

E. S. Renwick
atty. for T. B. Miller

April 9th 1873

As to use of Miller's
Process &c.

Recd
April 10/73 —

Treasury of the United States.

CASH DIVISION.

Washington April 23d 1863

Sir

I forward you herewith, by Express, small silver Coins of the nominal value of $134.75
Nickel and Copper Coins of the nominal value of 3.00
Being a portion of a lot received from the Post Office Department, as forwarded to said Department by a Special Agent. Schedule herewith. Many of these Coins being mutilated or otherwise unfit for use, I have deemed it best to send them to you, in order that their value might be ascertained and paid. The value I will thank you to cause to be placed to the Credit of my Transfer account (Coin or Currency as the case may be) with the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, causing me to be advised of the amounts so credited.

Very Respectfully

E. [illegible]

Treasurer

Hon Jas Pollock
Superintendent US Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Hon T. E. Spinner
Treas. U. S.
Washington D.C.
April 23. 1873

Sends by Express
for Exchange and
deposit, in old
Silver Coin $134.73
Mint Coins 3.64
$138.37

Correspondence

U.S Mint. & of
Branch mints

April, 1873,

Rec'd Apr 24/73

Dimes and ½	Dimes	whole	21.15	
" "	"	Mutilated	6.90	
3 Cent pieces		whole	8934	
" "		Mutilated	1554	
Foreign Silver			1.80	134.73
Nickel	3 Cent pieces	Mutilated	1.44	
	2 "	"	28	
	1 "	"	1.19	
	1 "	Coppers	73	3.64
				$138.37

108.55

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/APRIL (CONT.)

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/MAY

(Copy)

Mint of The United States
Melting and Refining Department
at Philadelphia May 12th 1873.

Hon James Pollock
Supt.

Dear Sir;-

I thank you for permitting me to peruse the documents presented to you by the Assayer, Mr. Wm. E. Dubois, because it gives me an opportunity, which I have not hitherto had, of presenting my views, and their grounds, in relation to the assay of silver ingots, with the view to the preparation of coin as near the standard of 900 as possible.

I regret that I am obliged to protest against the quotation of Dr. Rogers opinion; which is moreover embraced in the Report of the Assay Committee at the last Annual Assay,— the opinion on the excess of the fineness of the coinage of the year above 900, and above the records of ingots-assays through the year,— because that opinion was not based on his own or their experiments, but on the best knowledge & belief of the Assayer & Chief Coiner, also formed without definite experiments; and because the opinion does not give a full and sufficient reason for the difference between the assays of coin & ingots.

No one values Dr. Rogers opinions based on experiments more than I do. I therefore

proceed to examine the subjects in the light of my own experience, as far as that goes, uninfluenced by any other opinion.

I I assume the Assays to be correct; and altho' an occasional error might be made by the Assayer, simply because he is a man, yet I believe him to be eminently qualified for his position, by rigid integrity & experience. Altho' I may differ from him in opinion, I cheerfully accept his well established facts.

2. The Assays, then being admitted correct, the fineness of the Silver Coins, taken as samples of the Coinage throughout the last year, and reserved for the Annual Assay Commission, were found by the Commission to be, for the mass of Silver Coin at Philad.a, for the 1st & 2d. Periods 900 4/10, and for the 3d. Period, 900 6/10.

I will take the lowest and assume 900 4/10 to be the average for the year. Then 900 4/10 represents the average assay of Silver Coin, instead of 900, which we would all prefer, if it were possible. Now the amount of Coinage during the year between my two annual settlements was 1.884.283 94/00 ounces, and this coincides sufficiently with that of the fiscal year between two annual assay Commissions. The amount of coinage calculated at 900 4/10 compared with the same at 900, shows the excess in Standard ounces issued beyond the Nominal amount.

or skill, other than observation. Here again is new experience after years of practice.

Proceeding on the same basis, because the coinage of the past year was 900 4/10, when the granulations were reported at 899, as Mr Dubois says in his reply, I infer that granulations should be reported below 899 in order to make coin of 900, & prevent loss to the government.

I regret that Mr Dubois should say that I wish the granulations of ingots to be lowered to 898½, for I said below 899, but by no means 898½, much less an average of 898½. Mr Dubois knows that the 18 ingot granulations daily reported, usually fluctuate between 898½ & 901, & that he tries to make an average of 899. I discuss those reports with Mr Boyd in my Office, & we carry on discussions to the 1/100 of a thousandth, as we have been doing for some time past.

If the assayer is to be the sole judge of what the fineness of the granulations shall be, then he must bear the responsibility of the average fineness at the Annual assay, whether it indicates gain or loss. For myself I have always watched the daily assays, primarily with the view of screening the Government from loss, and next of offering a fair account of my own work. My expression of "insisting" upon a lower average than 899, should read "urging" for I only wished to express an earnest desire that our Coinage should show a fair average of 900.

4. Mr Dubois argues that I gain by ingots being reported at 899.

Take his own illustration. I deliver to the Coiner 1000 ozs. of Silver, with an average fineness of 899; and am credited, and the Coiner debited with them at 900. I apparently gain thereby, and he apparently loses an ounce. But the ingot, as Mr Dubois admits, is richer in the middle, whence the pieces are cut out, and consequently the clips from the sides must be proportionally poorer. Now, according to my observation for many years, about one half is returned as clips, whereas Mr Dubois is in error in thinking that only 4/10 are returned. Then 500 ozs., as blanks, are retained by the Coiner, so much richer than the average, that they make coin of 900. As he returns to me 500 ozs. clips, he is actually debited with only 500 ozs. which being standard, he neither gains nor loses an ounce, by the whole transaction. But, as the clips are proportionally poorer, if the centre was 900, then the clips are 898. I receive then 500 ozs. of clips @ 898 but am debited with them at 900 which is a loss of one ounce to my account. My gain of one ounce in delivering ingots is therefore balanced by a loss of one ounce on the same lot in receiving back the clips.

5. The Assayer asserts that the blanks become finer by pickling, and that this is

so much, that it shows itself at the annual assay. On what definite experiments is this statement founded, and to what precise extent does that enriching take place? I admit that a little copper is extracted by pickling and that the assay result is higher to that extent; but I assert from my own experiments in pickling that the amount of enriching is so extremely small that it may be neglected.

Moreover when I examined this subject some years since, Mr Peale, & the late Mr Eckfeldt assured me, from their direct experiments that the improvements of silver coin by pickling was so trifling as to be barely appreciable by the minutest investigation. Again, if the improvement by pickling is such as to raise the coinage of the year from 900 to 900 4/10, then the chief Coiner's accounts for the last year should show this deficiency of about 800 ozs.; and the preceding year should show a loss of 1200 ozs.

Please to observe that the question of pickling only relates to mine or the Coiner's accounts, in which of the two offices the loss occurs; for in whichever it takes place, the loss is a bona fide loss to the Government, and should be avoided by low=ering the average fineness of granulations through the year, or by less pickling.

On this

points I must notice a remark of the

Assayer on the 3d page of Reply, that even if the silver coin is too high when issued, (from pickling) it becomes lower by wear. In other words the Government should issue coin above 900, & lose so much silver, in order that the coin may become afterwards of the true standard 900.

In conclusion, as a question of importance for accuracy of standard in the issue of Coin, and for our national coining reputation, and for avoiding needless loss by the Government, may I urge upon you to represent all this to the Director of the Mint; to have instituted careful experiments decisive of the questions here evoked.

The other points touched upon by the Assayer, that I have gained in many ways by his favoring me, that I gain from presents deductions, that everything is shaped to benefit my accounts, &c., I leave unanswered, as not affecting the present question. When these last questions shall be raised, I shall have something to say on them, but not until then. His remark on the bottom of the 4th page, that I wish an allowance on the Coiner's annealing & pickling is hardly worth attention, because it is assuming that he knows that all the in=
=crease in richness of the coin over 900, is due to those operations of the Coiner, which I, with great respect for his skill, take the

the first page of his Reply, in order to make
Coin of 900.

3. It is in truth nobody's fault that we can-
-not make coin at exactly 900, but the fault
of the Alloy of Silver and Copper that it tends
to segregate or separate into richer and poorer
alloys while in the very act of cooling and
solidification. Up to within some years
ago, assays were made of Silver ingots by
chipping off pieces from a couple of ingots at
the beginning & end of each melt. At one
of the Annual Assays when the Silver coinage
of the preceding year had been very large,
the excess of fineness of the years coinage,
above 900 was such that some 5 @ 6.000 ozs.
of Silver had been paid out, beyond what
was legitimate at 900.

This led the Assayer, Mr Eckfeldt, to examine
the subject, to discover the difference in fineness
between the different parts of an ingot, & to
adopt the plan of granulating, as representing
more exactly the average fineness of the bullion.

Here was new experience after years of
practice. Still further experience proved, that
what I have been contending for, during
several years, is correct, that the assay of
granulations should be about 899 in order to
make the coin 900.

Now this conclusion was simply the result of
long continued observation of facts, and
could not possibly be divined by any theory

Thus 1.884.283 94/100 @ 900 4/10 is equal in Std ozs. to 1.885.121.40

— do — @ 900 — " — " — " — 1884.283.94

Excess of Standard ozs. 837.46

Therefore the Mint paid out in Coin 837.46 Standard ounces more than it should have done for the Silver Bullion purchased or received. It is wholly ir= =relevant to the accounts of the Mint, to say that the excess is felt by the Coiner or myself, — it is simply a naked fact that during the year the Mint lost, by paying out 837.46 ozs. of Silver ascertained by the excess of Assay over 900. In the preceding year the loss was consid= =erably greater than this, the fineness having been 900 8/10.

Now in presenting these facts, there is not the slightest disposition to find fault with the Assayer or Coiner, for no living man could have known beforehand that such would have been the results of the careful assays through the year. But it surely demands the inference that we should not make the silver quite as fine as we have made it, in order not to exceed the legal average of 900 if possible so as not to lose Silver for the Government.

The wastage at the close of my fiscal year in 1872 was so great, & the excessive fineness of the Silver Coinage so high (900 8/10) that the Assayer has, I think, very properly endeavored to keep down the fineness of the Coinage, by reporting the granulations of ingots at about 899. through= =out the past year, as he candidly states on

liberty of doubting.

The inferential remarks of the Assayer on the 5th page, that I and the Treasurer are not careful enough, I pass over without remark.

In all the above remarks, I have designed to be courteous to the Assayer for whom I entertain great respect for his ability, integrity & experience in everything connected with assaying, & a warm regard for his kindly disposition. I regret that he appears to have misunderstood the objects of my remark, that some of the loss in my accounts was due to the excess of the Assay of the year's Coinage. He is only responsible for the accuracy of the Assay of the Coin, not for the variation of that assay from 900. After he has assayed the Alloy for coinage through the year, the alloys segregate into richer and poorer in the same ingot; (to what extent is not well known); the ingots are pickled by me to clean the surface, but I have never yet found that they were made appreciably richer thereby; they are then rolled, annealed, cut out, & the blanks pickled by the Coiner. I claim that I lose a portion of the excess of the year's Coinage over 900; but how much, new experiments should determine. While I assert that the Government loses this excess, I do nowhere, & have never charged it upon any officer; but I do sincerely believe that it is the duty of all the Officers

to cooperate, to avoid the excess, if we can.

Very truly Yours
(Signed) Jas. C. Booth
M & R.

Jas. C. Booth
M. & R.

May 12. 1873

(Copy)

Opinion (in reply to the Assayer) with regard to the proper fineness of silver ingots for Coinage

Rec'd May 12/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 9th, 1873.

Sir

I enclose herewith for your information and guidance Treasury Circulars No 1, relative to the briefing &c. of all communications

I will thank you ~~to instruct the officers in your institution~~ to observe a careful compliance with the instructions therein contained, in all correspondence with this office.

I am Sir, my respectfully

H Linderman

Director.

Hon James Pollock.

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
May 9/73

Circular instructions
relative to endorsing &
briefing letters to the
Department.

Rec'd May 10/73

1873.
Department No. 1.
Secretary's Office.

Treasury Department,

January 6, 1873.

The following instructions in regard to "briefing" communications, &c., are hereby promulgated, in lieu of those issued on the 15th of September, 1870, *and must be strictly observed by all officials of this Department*, viz: A brief of every official communication must be endorsed upon its first or upper fold, exhibiting—

1st. The place where the letter was written and the date of the communication. 2d. The name and official designation or title of the writer. 3d. A synopsis of the contents or subject of the letter.

Everything of importance must appear in the brief, as well as the names of all parties mentioned (their titles need not be given) in the communication. (See form on the back of these instructions.) In all instances where a communication occupies but half a sheet of paper, *a half sheet only must be used* and the brief placed thereon.

A small space at the top of the fold on which the brief is written (about three-quarters of an inch) must be left blank, and the number of enclosures given at the bottom of the same fold.

The initials on the upper left-hand corner should always be given in replying to letters from the Department.

A strict observance of these instructions will greatly facilitate the transaction of the public business with this Department.

Geo. S. Boutwell

Secretary.

Treasury Department,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
January 6, 1873.

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL,
SECRETARY.

Instructions relative to "briefing."

Letters must be endorsed on first fold with place, date, name, title of writer, and synopsis. Brief to contain all important matter and names. Half sheets only to be used. Small space at the top to be left blank, number of enclosures at bottom. Initials to be given. Observance of instructions will facilitate public business.

No of Enclosures, ...

Insured by ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

for _____

to _____ only.

For the Company,

Insurance, $ _____

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

$ 1000.000. New York, May 6 187 3

Received from Asst Treasurer U.S.

Sealed and said to contain

Twenty Eight Hundred Dollars Gold

Addressed

U.S. Mint Philadelphia Pa

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and endure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the Adams Express Company may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

For the Company

Freight, _____

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, May 9th, 1873

Sir

I have this day forwarded to you for coinage $1,000,000. consisting principally of quarter Eagles.

Inclose Adams Express Co's receipt.

Very respectfully.

W. H. Wickham

Asst. Treas. U.S.

Hon: James Pollock

Director U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia Pa

Thos Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
New York
May 9/73

Forwards $1,000,000.-
by Express, mostly in
Quarter Eagles, for
Recoinage.

Rec'd May 10/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 8, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I should have stated in my letter of yesterday, on the subject of a commercial disk, that there is no need to hurry in preparing your answer, inasmuch as we shall have to obtain authority from Congress in case it should be determined to issue the same. Time may therefore be taken for the necessary examination of the subject.

Very respectfully,
H R Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

No hurry about the
proposed ~~$~~ 73. £15.
Gold Disk, as no
definite action can
be taken until
Congress meets.

Rec'd May 9/73

P.O. BOX 390.

OFFICE OF

Van Wart & McCoy,

43 Chambers Street,

Agents for

Van Wart Son & Co. Birmingham.
Evans & Askin. "
C.B. Thorneycroft & Co. Wolverhampton.
Isaac Jenks & Sons. "

New York. May 8th 1873

James Pollock. Esqr
Supt U.S. Mint
Phila. Pa

Dear Sir

We would be very glad to quote a price for Evans & Askins Nickel but we are not getting any at present owing to the great demand for it in England. Our last price (in July) was abnt 2.35 since then it has advanced even higher.

Whenever we are in a position to name a price we will be very glad to do so.

Thanking you for remembering us

We are Very Respectfully Yours

Van Wart & McCoy

Van Wart & McCoy
New York

Quotes Nickel
in April @ $2.35.

Rec'd May 9/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 9, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt us mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In regard to the 10 sets of humid assay bottles with ground stoppers, which you were requested to order in my letter of the 6th instant for the Carson mint, you will cause the same to be forwarded to the Superintendent of that Mint, and direct the manufacturer to transmit his bill in duplicate, approved by you, duly receipted and accompanied by a bill of lading, for payment to this office.

With respect to the one gross of Matrasses

addresses, they have been ordered from S.G. Boughton # 728 Arch st, in your city, whom we understood to have the above articles in course of manufacture.

It is proper to inform you that it is desirable that the orders and vouchers for articles for the use of the western mints should pass through and be recorded in this office, and with a view to relieve all parties from inconvenience to pay them at the Department.

Very respectfully,

A. L. Linderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D. C.

100 Summid Assay bottles
directed to be furnished to
Carson Mint, & rec'd bill,
approved sent to the Dept.
for payt.

Supplies for the other
Mints will hereafter be
ordered through the Mint
Bureau at Washington.

Rec'd May 10/73

Confidential

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 7th, 1873.

Sir

With a view to see if a part of our Gold product cannot be put in a more convenient form for commercial purposes than bars or coin I am considering the propriety of striking a Disk of the value of $73. and which will be very nearly $15 thick. I would propr standard Gold, 900 fine.

For devices. I would propose one of the figures, either the female figure, or the Eagle, prepared by Bailey, and for the reverse a wreath or branches of Tobacco, Cotton, and Wheat or Corn surrounding the figure.

Gold Disk

900 fine.

$73

$15 — and outside of the wreath

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Mint U. States. Philadelphia.

The devices &c. can I suppose be prepared in such a manner as to require but a single blow of the lever Press to bring them up.

I should be glad if you will in connection with your experienced officers consider as to the practibility of striking such a Disk, & the cost &c.

I consider something like this as about all that is practical in the way of the much talked of International Coinage. which can never amount to much while the nations have each different moneys of account.

As a general thing, nearly all of our Gold is sent direct to London, and if we can substitute for coin or bars a commercial agent which will be of the value of 73 dollars in our money, and 15 Pounds Sterling. it may tend to prevent recoinage.

It would be subject to less abrasion than if the same amount of bullion was issued in coin, there would be other advantages that will readily

occur to you,

I am Sir, my respectfully

H Rehnderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

(Confidential)

Proposes to strike a
Gold Disk of the
Value of $73. or £15.
for Commercial
purposes.

Rec'd May 8/73

L. M. Swenson.
W. M. Perkins.
D. L. Kernion.

Swenson, Perkins & Co.
P.O. BOX 5724.

New York, 6th May 1873.

Gov. Pollock
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir!

Not having the honor of a personal acquaintance, I take the liberty to enclose this letter to Gov. A. G. Curtin, asking him to introduce me to you - the object of which is a very small matter and simply of personal gratification namely.

I have a very large collection

of Antique Coins (Gold, Silver & Bronze) among which are many duplicates of ancient Greek & Grecian Colonies in Europe & Asia — Byzantine, Roman Consular — Regal and Colonial Coins — which I should like to exchange for Coins of the Middle Ages, or even Modern Coins to enlarge my collection — and being informed that at the U. S. Mint there is quite a large collection of Coin, it occurs to me that there may be duplicates — and that we could with mutual interest make exchanges, thereby enriching

our respective collections.

I have also some duplicates of medals, chiefly Russian & Spanish of modern dates, which I shd be glad of an opportunity to exchange for medals of which I have no copies.

If this proposal is admissible I shall be glad to have your reply — if not —, I beg you will excuse the application on the score of ignorance of the terms by which the collections at the Mint is administered.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Most Obd Servt
S. M. Swenson

Constitutional Convention.

Philadelphia 7 May 1873

Dear Brunner

The letter enclosed is from a gentleman of high character and I trust you will assist him.

I have the pleasure of his intimate acquaintance and know you he means what is proper.

Yours truly
A. G. Curtin

Hon. Isaac Pollock

Hon A. G. Curtin
Phila

May 7/73

Enclosing Letter
from S. K. Swenton
N Es York, asking to
Exchange Coins with
the Mint Cabinet.

Rec'd May 8/73

OFFICE OF

(INDEPENDENT NEWS.)

S. S. BLOOM,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Real Estate
And Notarial Business Promptly attended to.

Shelby, Ohio, May 7th 187 3

Prof. U. S. Hunt
Philadelphia
Pa

Dear Sir:

I submit you herewith specimens of Metal found at the depth of 85 feet, while drilling for gas. The State Geologist pronounces it Nickle. Parties are already engaged sinking a shaft & would be pleased to have your opinion in relation to the quality of Metal

I am Sir
Your Obt Servt
S. S. Bloom

S. F. Stansbaugh
Shelby
Ohio

May 7/73

Send Specimen
of supposed nickel
ore for analysis.

Rec'd May 9/73

C. ROBBINS & SON,

AGENTS FOR

EDWARD BARNES & SONS,
Cutlers,
SHEFFIELD, ENG.

BLUNT & FULLER,
Commission Merchants,
BURMINGHAM, ENG.

104 JOHN STREET,

New York, May 7th 1873

Jas Pollock Esq
Dear Sir -

The price of Nickel in England has nearly doubled in the last year & as we have not imported any since the rise it would be very difficult to name a price.

The last price we heard named for English Nickel was £2.50 Gold duty paid but we do not know that any was sold at that.

If you wish we can get a quotation & name you a price inside of thirty days

If you desire us to do so an early reply will much oblige

Yrs truly
C Robbins Son

C. Robbins & Son
New York

Quotes Nickel
at $2.50 gold, duty
paid.

Rec'd May 9/73

Columbia College,

NEW YORK CITY.

New York, May 6, 1873.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the annual assay medal, for which please accept my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

F. A. P. Barnard.

Hon. Jas. Pollock.

Prest F. A. P. Barnard
Columbia College
New York

May 6/73

Ack'g rect of
Assay Medal

Rec'd May 7/73

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, May 6th 1873

Hon James Pollock
Supt &c &c

Dear Sir

In acting upon the New Table of charges, I find a difficulty in two cases which I will thank you to refer to the Bureau at Washington,

First, is the charge for melting deposits to be levied on the bars sent here by the Assay Office at New York. For instance, I am now about to report on such deposit amounting to 54,000 ounces, The charge would would be fifty four dollars ($54.00), It came before the first of May, and therefore I have no difficulty, no charge for melting is to be made. But as soon as a May deposit comes

before me. I shall be at a stand. The original depositors of that bullion have already paid a melting charge at New York. The question is, whether the same bullion must pay another such charge, here you observe this has nothing to do with allowance in weight.

A secon case come before me, that of Gold Coin, sent here to be refined and cast into a fine bar. Hitherto there has been but one charge, five cents per ounce, Now by the 6th of the tariff we may make three charges; first for melting, secondly, four cents per ounce for refining, thirdly 1/20 of one per cent for making the fine bar. It increases the charges considerably. I would favor the omission of the third charge. As my opinion has been asked upon a third point, (not of my own raising) and as it comes in place, I will here offer a few remarks. Suppose a deposit of gold containing silver. not only will not pay the expense, and allow for silver

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, May 6th 1872

Hon Jas. Pollock
Supt &c.

Dear Sir

I have read the writing of the Assayer Mr Da Bois of this date and remark on it as follows,

1st That at present I do not think we ought to make an extra charge for melting the deposits of the New York Assay office, already melted when received.

2d In the alleged case of the Gold Bar from Coin I do not think we ought to levy more than 1/2 per cent for refining, unless the gold were very bad in quality, and then for toughening in addition,

3d I submit from an opinion on the 3d point as it so foreign to my experience in melting and refining, but I think the Assayers opinion should be taken as the best. Respectfully Jas C Booth

Mr

Wm. E. Dubois
Assayer
Dan'l C. Booth
M.M.R

May 6/73
(Copy)

Suggesting some
modifications
of the "Table of
Charges on Bullion"

Rec'd May 6/73

but cannot even be parted except at a loss,
shall we part it out at the expense
of the depositor?. This is stated to be
the practice at the Mint in San Francisco,
and I believe it is also at the Mint in
Melbourne Australia, It never has been
the rule here, and for the reason that
the law did not oblige us to part
silver from gold in all cases, but
allowed us to leave it in the gold coin
as alloy, provided it did not exceed one
half of the whole alloy. Section 13 of the
new law has altered that, and limited
the silver alloy to one tenth of the
whole alloy. At our low rates of part-
ing, the case rarely happens that the op-
eration will not pay expenses, though it
should yield nothing to the depositor.
So that for us it is hardly a practical
case, and with chlorine refining, which
is suited to high grades of gold, I may
say that it would never happen. But

the case is different at San Francisco, where their parting charge is double. I do not at present see how they can alter their practice consistently with the new law. Whether we should alter our practice to meet only a rare case, and to add a further complication to our charges, is at least doubtful, and if the Assayer and Melter & Refiner at New York, and the Melter & Refiner here concur with me I should decidedly prefer to make no charge for parting, where the depositor is to have no benefit from it. Please advise me soon of any response to this communication, as the question asked must be speedily settled.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W E Du Bois
Assayer

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, 1871
No. of Papers,
Subject,

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 5, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The Ordinary Expense Accounts of your institution for the month of April 1873 have this day been transmitted to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
H Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.
May 5/73

The Ordinary Expenditures
acct of this Mint for
April, 1873, has been
rec'd & referred to the
First Auditor of the
Treasury.

Rec'd May 6/73

Essex National Bank.

Haverhill, Mass., May 5 1873

Treas. U.S. Mint Esq., Phila Pa

~~Cashier.~~

Dear Sir:

Your favor of — inst., has been received with enclosures as stated.

Yours very respectfully,

W. Caldwell,

Cashier.

Enclosed I forward ~~for collection~~ my check for $30. for which please send two cent coins.

I understand that there are to be no more 2ct pices coined. If you cannot fill above order therefore, you will please return enclosed chk & oblige

Essex Nat Bank
Haverhill
Mass
May 5. 1873

Sends $30.00 for 2 ¢
pieces
(Ltr returned: no more
2¢ pieces issued)

Rec May 6. 1873

CONSULADO DE LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA.

Phila March 4/
532 Walnut St. 73

My dear Sir

I beg leave to
send for the Cabinet of
Medals at the US Mint a
Medal of the late Argentine
National Exhibition -
Please allow it space in
the Cabinet & oblige
Yrs Respy
Edw Shippen

Hon. Pollock Esq
US Mint.

Edward Shippen 5
Consul Argentine
Republic.
Phila

Presented by the Minister
Cabinet a medal of
the late Argentine
National Exhibition

Rec'd Mch. 6/73

U. S. Mint at Philadelphia,
Assayer's Office, May 3d. 1873.

Dear Sir:

I have to reply to an extract of a letter from the Director of the Mint, which you have placed in my hands, in regard to the proper average fineness of Silver ingots for coinage.

I had supposed, after the abundant discussion of this subject during the sessions of the Wastage Commission, and the clear explanation of the matter made by Dr. Rogers in an address to the Annual Assay Commission, that it was set at rest, to the satisfaction of every body.

I am therefore not a little surprised to see it coming up again, and to see such a singular claim made. There seems a strange misunderstanding about it, as I can show by a plain statement.

Every one would say, at first view, that the Silver ingots ought to average 900. Standard. Formerly that was the aim of the Assayer; then the average was lowered a little; and since I have held the office, it has been lowered a little more; so that we now aim to average 899.

Why is this? First and chiefly, because the central part of a Silver ingot, of that fineness, is always a little better than towards the edge; so that when the planchets are cut out of the middle, it leaves the clippings somewhat lower than the original ingot, and when they come to be remelted, and made into ingots again, some fine silver must be added to bring them up. (This happens whenever the planchets are cut out in single rows; not in the smaller coin, where the rows are double.)

Therefore while the M & R is credited at 900, he is allowed to hand over the ingots, which average only 899, so that he

may not loose on account of the fine silver to be added to clippings returned to him.

Observe how this operates. He hands over 1000 ounces of ingots, 899 fine for which he is credited 900, and temporarily gains the difference

Of that, 600 ounces goes into coin, and he has nothing more to do with it; the remaining 400 ounces comes back to him in clippings, a little lower than at first; but still probably high enough to melt without adding fine silver. The next time, 40 per cent of this amount comes back, say 160 ounces and this must be brough up, probably a thousauth to prevent its being condemned. My first impression was, that we made a small gain by this; but as the planchets cut out are (average) 900 fine, and the Melter & Refiner keeps up the returned clippings, so that all through the diminishing series the planchets are of that fineness (or should be,) he neither gains or loses.

There is another reason why we aim to make the ingots average 899. instead of 900. When the planchets are annealed and pickled, a little of the copper alloy is taken out, and the clean planchet, ready for striking, has a fine silver surface. I could wish, for the sake of all the officers interested, that this superficial improvement could be as small as possible. It amounts to something, however, and that something shows itself at the Annual Assay.

If that fine surface were rubbed or worn off, the coin would show just about standard; as it is, it usually shows a little higher. When we get deposits of our own worn coin, we do not find that they over-run the standard. In the very heavy coinage of 1854 and after, the ingots made from our own coin generally gave an average of 900, as near as I can judge from the record.

All this was well explained at the last Annual Assay, by Dr. Rogers, to let the Commissioners see that there was really no excess in the Assay results; which were about the same for all the Mints.

This Annual Assay result is no guide or criterion for the Melter & Refiner; his guide is the daily Assay, melt by melt. It is nothing to him how much the Coiner anneals & pickels his planchets. The loss is not his, it is the Coiner's. Suppose an extreme case, that the Coiner should pickel the planchets so severely as to bring them up to 905. That would make a bad show at the Annual Assay, but it all happened after it had left the Melter & Refiner's charge, and had no influence on his accounts. His ingots leave his hands at 899; that makes him safe; and ought to be satisfactory.

Instead of loosing 753. ounces, he has clearly gained on his ingots, how much I cannot say.

As the subject of the Melter & Refiner's losses is thus pressed upon me, I take occassion to say, that he has many advantages, for keeping down his wastage.

Let any one take the former tariff of charges and deductions upon deposits; or the new tariff; which I may say I had some share in advising. It will be seen, that everything is shaped to benefit his accounts, and lessen his wastage. In addition to that, the Assayer gives him advantages, by throwing fractions of fineness in his favor, both on deposits and ingots. None of these incidental benefits accrue to the Coiner; on the contrary he loses by every manipulation. I consider these benefits to the Melter & Refiner, or rather to the Government through his accounts to be fair & just. But why he should have an allowance on account of the Coiner's

annealing and pickling, after the Silver has been transferred, I cannot understand.

In order to average 899 fine, on our silver ingots, our range is from 898 to 900. If we were to average 898½, as the Melter & Refiner wishes, our range would be 897½ to 899½. It might then happen, where double rows of planchets were cut out of an ingot, & pickling was slight, that a chance dime would result 897½ fine instead of 900. This might turn up at the Annual Assay, or in the hands of a foreign Assayer, and it would be very discreditable, either to our carefulness or competency, or both. Of course I cannot consent to it.

I take this opportunity to go upon the record, as maintaining that if at an Annual Assay, or by the report of an outside Assayer, any single coin proves to be outside of the legal limit of fineness, the responsibility is not mine only. I make the assays, but I do not handle the boxes of ingots. If by an oversight a condemned box goes through and is coined, the peril lies as much at the door of the Melter & Refiner, and the Treasurer, as of the Assayer. So far as the latter is concerned, he takes all the care in his power, by a system of checks and duplicates, and by reporting and recording the same.

My main object in saying this is to urge the necessity of carefulness all round for our mutual protection.

In conclusion, this reply has been carefully considered and prepared, and is all I have to say. The Melter & Refiner in the extract given to me, "insists upon a still lower average than 899." This strong language seems like taking my official functions out of my hands, which I am sure he did not mean, and I am sure

mill not be agreed to.

Yours truly &
Respectfully
Wm E. DuBois
Assayer

Signed

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c.

Wm E. Du Bois,

Assayer,

May 3. 1873.

(Copy.)

Opinion with regard to the Excess of $\frac{4}{10}$ or $\frac{6}{10}$ in the Annual Assay of the ~~Gold~~ Silver Coinage of the Mint for the Year, 1872.

[Original mailed to the Director of the Mint, May 14, 1873.]

Rec'd May 3/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 8th, 1873.

Sir

I enclose herewith for the use of your office a table prepared by the First Comptroller, "for the reduction of Sterling money of Great Britain to United States Gold Coin."

I am sir very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director

Wm James Pollock,

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Phila Pa

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.

May 3/73

Enclosing printed
tables for the reduction
of British Sterling money
to U.S. Gold Coin.

Rec'd May 5/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt usmint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The following appointments named in your letter of the 29th ult are hereby approved, to take effect from May 1st 1873:

Emma Darr Boyd, Adjuster, @ $1.75 per diem.

Theodore Wyser, Annealer, @ $3.00 per diem, vice Jacob Kleb, resigned.

Very respectfully,

H R Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington DC
May 3/73

Appointment of
Emma Farr Boyd Adjutress
& Theodore Wagner Amanuensis
as approved from the
1st of May. —

Rec May 5/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 30th ult, in relation to "Tables of Charges on Bullion", you are authorised to print the tables mentioned in such form as will best meet the requirements of your office.

Very respectfully,

H Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.

Supt is authorized
to print the new
"Tables of Changes in
Bullion" in such
form as will best
suit the convenience
of the Mint.

Recd May 5/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 26th April, I have forwarded by todays mail one hundred blank oaths of office.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Directed by the Asst
(Liddonman)
Washington
D.C.

May 3/73

Forwards 100 blank
oaths of allegiance.

Rec'd May 5/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 3d, 1873.

Sir.

I will thank you to furnish me with a list of sweep smelters and purchasers of sweeps.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Messrs Phillips & Jacobs, Philadelphia, the only establishment here that we know of. They have a large refinery &c on Spring Garden St. west of Broad, & are frequent depositors at the Mint, & enjoy a good reputation.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

May 3/73

Requests a list of
Sweep-smelters,
& purchasers of
Sweeps.

Rec'd May 5/73

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, May 3, 1873.

Sir

I have this day forwarded to you for coinage, per Adams Express, $1,000,000. in quarter Eagles, receipt of which please to acknowledge.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Wheelock

Hon. Jas Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philada, Pa

Asst Treas U.S.
(Stilehouse)
New York
May 3/73

Forwards by Express
$1,000,000, in Quarter
Eagles, for re coinage.

Rec'd May 5/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 29th ult, as to how the bill for the "Silver value" stamp prepared for the Carson Mint shall be paid, you are informed that Superintendent Rice has been directed to pay the same upon its receipt.

You will therefore render a bill for the amount ($16.00) to that officer.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director (Asst Asst
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

Bill for Stamps for
Silver Value &c from the
Carson Mint, will be
paid by Supt Rice &
Should be forwarded to
Treas (#16)

Rec May 15/73

(Copy)

Treasury Department
Office of the Director of the Mint
Washington D.C. May 3. 1873

Hon James Pollock
Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 29th ult, as to how the bill for the "Silver Value" stamp prepared for the Carson Mint Shall be paid, you are informed that Superintendent Rice has been directed to pay the same upon its receipt.

You will therefore render a bill for the amount ($16.00) to that Officer.

Very Respectfully
(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, May 1st 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of the coinage for the month of April. This is the largest gold coinage since 1861-62.

We resumed operations after settlement on the 10th day of April, so that the coinage really represents the work of but two thirds (2/3) of the month.

I am respectfully

Your obdt. servt.

Linderman

Coiner

Coiner U.S. Mint
(Snowden)
May 1/73

Enclosing Statement
of Deposits & Coinage
for the month of April
1873 - covering only
20 days.
[The largest
Gold Coinage since
1861-62.]

Rec May 1/73

United States Assay Office at New York.

May 1 1873

Sir

I herewith return a Receipt intended for the Second National Bk, which was probably inadvertently placed in an envelope directed to this Office.

Very Respectfully

Thos. C. Acton

Superintendent

Wm Jas Pollock

Superintendent

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

N. Y. Assay Office

Returned as mis-directed Mint Coin redemption Certificate intended for the Treasury Dept & Yc q the 1st Nat. Bk. N. Y.

Rec May 21/73

Gold, Silver, & Bronze Medals Struck during the fiscal year 1872 & 1873

1872		Gold	Silver
July	3	—	3
"	19	1	50
"	29	2	10
"	30	—	400
August	12	2	10
"	"	—	150
"	"	—	150
October	10	26	200
"	21	—	203
"	28	1	—
November	4	3	75
"	13	—	50
"	15	—	10
"	18	2	—
"	19	2	45
"	22	1	—
December	2	—	2
"	3	1	—
"	6	—	419
"	11	—	3
"	21	6	47
1873			
January	10	—	52
"	13	—	5
"	31	4	13
"	"	—	150
February	5	—	2
"	6	—	1
"	19	—	62
March	5	1	—
"	7	—	1
"	14	1	319
"	15	1	—
April	1	—	240
"	25	—	6
"	28	—	6
"	30	—	300
		54	2984

Carried forward —

Gold, Silver, & Bronze Medals Struck during fiscal year 1872+73

		Gold	Silver	
	Amount brought forward	54	2984	
May	3	—	2	Assay
"	10	—	4	
"	17	—	6	
"	23	—	10	
"	24	2	—	
"	27	4	—	
June	2	—	12	
"	4	1	100	
"	13	6	3	
"	16	1	—	
"	19	—	16	
"	20	—	55	
"	26	—	23	
		68	3215	

Recapitulation

Gold Medals Struck during the year	68
Silver " " " " "	3215
Bronze " " " " "	2176
Total	5459

Gold Proof Sets Sold during the year	16
Silver do " " " " "	878
Bronze do " " " " "	806
Pattern Pieces — — (None Struck)	
	1700

List of

Gold, Silver & Bronze

Medals

and

Gold, Silver & Bronze,

Proof Sets

Struck & Sold at the

U.S. Mint Phila.a

during the fiscal year

1872 & 1873

Mint of the United States.
Chief Coiners Department
Philadelphia, April 30th 1873

Hon
James Pollock
Superintendent

Copy

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of the 4th Section of the coinage Act of 1873. I have the honor to recomend and nominate Mr William B Wunder to take the place of Michael R Wunder deceased,

I am Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
(Signed) A Louden Snowden
Coiner

A. Landen Snowden
Comm

April 30/73

Nominating Wm P.
Windes, in place
of Michael R. Windes
deceased.

Rec'd May 20/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

April 30th 1874.

Sir

Be kind enough to send me a statement of the amount of Light Gold Coin recoined, re-melted and recoined, (with the losses upon the same) from the date of your last report (March 10th) to the close of the present month, and until further instructed, I will thank you to furnish a similar statement at the close of each month's operations.

Very respectfully

A. Loudenslager

Director

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
Apl 30/73

Weekly report of
light-gold recoinage
from Mch 10 to Apl 30/73
and
Monthly Report of
the same transaction.

Rec'd May 1/73

All Official Letters to this Office must be addressed to the "First Auditor of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from this Office the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

R.O.P

Treasury Department,

First Auditor's Office,

April 30, 1873.

Sir:

You are requested to furnish this Office with a copy of your instructions (as Director of U.S Mint) to the Apayer of the U.S. Assay Office Boise City T.T. fixing the rates of Charges for melting Apaying and stamping deposit.

Very Respectfully

A. N. Dudley

Auditor

Jas Pollock Esqr
Supt Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia

First Auditor of the
Treasury —
(Mahan)

Wants copy of
instructions to
Assayer of U.S.
Assay Office at
Boise City, fixing
the rate of charges.

Rec'd May 1/73

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/MAY

ANDOVER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BRIGHAM, MASS.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/MAY (CONT.)

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 29th, 1873.

Sir:—

I have to request that you will present to this office as soon after the close of the present fiscal year as the same can be prepared, a statement exhibiting in detail the following items, viz:

1st The gross weight, standard weight and value, of bullion deposited and purchased at your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873.

2d. The amount of coinage and bars executed during the same period.

3d. Statements showing under appropriate heads, the expenditures of your institution, for the same period

Yrs

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

4th The amount derived from all sources, embracing under these several headings. Coinage charge, Seignorage on Silver. Gain on minor coinage, deductions from deposits for melting. parting, refining, toughening, bar marking &c,

5th A statement showing the wastages on Gold and Silver bullion as determined and allowed in the last (preceding) annual settlement, and loss on sale of sweeps.

6th The amount realized from by-products and old materials sold.

7th The number of medals struck, proof, and specimen or pattern coins sold.

Superintendents and assayers in charge, are instructed to examine at the close of the current fiscal year as to the force employed in the institutions under their respective charge, and, if found to be in excess of the actual requirements of the public service, they will so report, and recommend such reduction in the number of employés as

may be necessary to bring the same within the requirements indicated.

They will also submit the names of the employees whose services can best be dispensed with when vacancies occur. It is recommended that they be filled by the transfer of some person within the mail — preference being given to efficiency, good character, and diligence in the performance of duties.

Where there are two clerks or employés performing clerical duties which are not sufficient to occupy the time of both, the consolidation of such duties in one person should be made and the other transferred to other duties.

Superintendents will be held responsible for keeping the number of employés within the requirements of the service, and they will also be required to see that the prices paid for supplies of all kinds are as the

lowest market rates, and that all articles purchased are delivered according to agreement as to price; quantity and quality.

H. Rediker

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
May 29/73

Requests reports for
fiscal year 1872-73 of
1. Bullion deposited. ✓
2. Coinage & Bars. ✓
~~3. Charges & profits~~
~~4.~~ 3. Expenditures. ✓
4. Charges & profits. ✓
5. Waste. ✓
6. Amt sale of old materials.
7. Medals export.
8. Reduction & transfer of
working force; pur-
-chase of supplies &c

Rec'd May 30/73

During all of next month, you will therefore increase your Gold coinage to the full capacity of your present force, which will not, I suppose, prevent the coinage of a reasonable amount in Trade-dollars toward the latter part of next month.

The subsidiary Silver and minor coinage may be intermitted to the extent necessary for carrying out these instructions.

Cannot the recoinage of Gold into double Eagles be brought up to $5,000,000 in the month of June?

Please inform me on this point.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C

Wants $5,000,000.
Govt gold recoined
in June, if possible.
Also as many
trade dollars as
possible.

Rec'd May 30/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 29th, 1873.

Sir —

As supplemental to my letter to you of this date, relative to the new trade-dollar I have to state that I am informed that it is the intention of the Department to supply other Sub treasuries than that at New York with new Gold coin in lieu of the abraded Coin to be sent from the different Sub treasuries to the mint at Philadelphia for re-coinage, and that it desires to undertake this exchange as soon as the New York office ~~and the~~ (Assist Treasurer U.S.) is supplied with an amount of new coin sufficient to meet any probable demand upon it.

Yours

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent &c

Phila. Pa.

SUPPLEMENTAL TO CIRCULAR No. 40.

1873.
Department No. 73.
Secretary's Office.

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., May 24, 1873.

To Officers and Clerks of the Treasury Department and others:

Referring to Circular No. 40, from this Department, dated March 28, 1873, and the Act therein quoted, relative to the furnishing and use of official postage stamps from and after the first day of July, 1873, it is hereby published, for the information and guidance of all concerned, that said stamps are to be used by officers and clerks of the Treasury Department, or under its direction and control, on all official correspondence of whatever nature, and other official mail matter, whether addressed to officers now having the franking privilege, to other officers of the Government not having that privilege, or to private persons on official business; thus entirely doing away with the use of the ordinary postage stamp for official purposes.

Collectors and other officers of Customs, and Collectors of Internal Revenue, should include in their requisitions the stamps required by their deputies and other assistants in the transaction of their official duties.

Stamped envelopes will not be furnished.

Whenever letter scales are needed they should be ordered on the same requisition with stamps, in the column for remarks.

All requisitions should be made strictly in accordance with the directions contained in Circular No. 40, and officers entitled to order monthly should in all cases send in their requisitions at least ten days, and all other officers at least twenty days, before the stamps are required for use.

Wm A. Richardson.

Secretary.

Sec'y Treasury
(Richardson)

Postage Circular No. 73
Supplemental to No. 40.

May 24/73

Official postage
Stamps must be used
for all official cor-
-respondence - to the
entire Exclusion of the
ordinary postage stamps.

Rec'd May 29/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 23, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The following appointments named in your letter of the 19th instant, are hereby approved, to take effect from the date of their official oaths:

William B Wunder, Cutter in Coiner's Department, @ $2.90 per diem, vice Michael R Wunder, deceased.

Miss Sallie E Davis, Adjuster in Coiner's Department, @ $1.75 per diem.

Miss Emily Thornton, Adjuster in Coiner's Department, @ $1.75 per diem, vice Mrs L W Cotton, resigned.

Very

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D. C.
May 23/73

Approving the appt of
Wm B. Wunder, Cutter,
Miss Sallie E. Davis, Adjuster
Miss Emily Thornton, Adjuster
all in Coiner's Dept.

Rec'd May 24/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 23, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The subject of the proper disposition of the silver coins of the old standard, now in the Treasury and its offices, is under consideration.

I will thank you to inform me what amount of these coins are on hand at your institution and constituting a part of the Bullion Fund.

Very respectfully,

A. Loudenslager

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.

May 23/73

Enquires what
amount of silver
coins of the old
standard are now
on hand in the
Mint.

Rec'd May 24/73

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

$1000000 New York, May 23 187 3

Received from A. Thomas & Co.

Ten Kegs Sealed and said to contain

One Million Dollars Gold.

Addressed U.S. Mint Philadelphia Pa

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the Adams Express Company may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

For the Company

Freight, _____ _____

Insured by ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

for _____

to _____ only.

For the Company,

Insurance, $_____

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, May 22nd, 1873

Sir

I have this day forwarded to you for coinage $1,000,000. in Eagles, Half Eagles and Quarter Eagles, receipt of which please to acknowledge.

Very respectfully,

Wm Dillingham

Asst. Treas. U.S.

Hon. James Pollock

Director Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Asst Treas U.S.
(Hillhouse)
New York
May 23/73

Forwards $1,000,000.
in Eagles, Half Eagles &
Quarter Eagles, for
re coinage.

Rec'd May 24/73

Treasury of the United States.

CASH DIVISION.

Washington May 22nd 1873

Sir.

I transmit to you this day per Adams Express

Silver Dollars - United States $1.308.

" Mexican 356.

$1.664

And have charged the same as a Transfer of Funds to the Bullion Fund Mint, as directed by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of May 20. 1873.

Very Respectfully

E. [illegible]

Treasurer

Hon Jas Pollock

Superintendent Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treas. U. S.
Washington
D.C.

May 22/73

Sends by Express as a transfer to the Bullion Fund of the Mint Silver dolls. U. S. $1,308.—
" " Mexican 356.—
$1,664.—
as directed by the Sec'y Treasy, May 25/73.

[June 3. 1873 $52 23
profits on the silver de-posited — See letter of this date to the Sec'y Treasy & Treas. U. S. I.

Rec'd May 23/73

Please direct ~~MONTHLY STATEMENT.~~

To Madisonville, Luz Co., Pa., 22 1873

M _____

To PHILIP CALLENDER, Dr.

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, &c.

Mr Pollock

Dear Sir

Will you oblige me to keep the Assays from my sample from the publick & Wish it kept from any person who might apply for the same if you will favour me I will be much obliged to keep at any future period I find mineral in paying quantity I can get the compliment if desired I having some experience and qualifies as finding any kind of mineral I chose to get in a locality where it is

Respectfully

yours

Philip Callender

~~MONTHLY STATEMENT.~~

Madisonville, Luz Co., Pa., May 22 1873

U S Mint Philad Pa

~~To~~ PHILIP CALLENDER, ~~D.~~

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, &c.

This package From
Philip Callender For
Assay To the United
States Mint at Philad
Pa a Letter also sent
to Ex you Pollock Pres
of mint with instructions
& check of $4.00 To pay ex
ay & if it fails to be received
please let me Notice I wish
this assay to returned to me with
as Little delay as possible I
am coming to Philad probably
next week & wish to know the
result of this as I wish to
bring me other samples with
me Respectfully Yours

Philip Callender



W. W. WINTON.
President.

E. R. MILLS.
Cashier.

CAPITAL $300,000.
Surplus $ 75,000.

Second National Bank
OF SCRANTON.

Scranton, Pa. May 20th 1873

Geo Pollock ~~Esq. Cashier~~

Dear Sir.

I send you this day by exp in your care a package containg a Specimen of an outcropp or vein supposing it to be Silver & Lead Ores & an Assay & the result of the assay to me as soon as practisable as I am coming to the Citty soon & Wish to bring with me an other sample of Silver ore & hand it in to the mint & recieve the assay while there if practisable or before leaving the city as I shall stay one or two days on the business please advise me at once if any thing arrives and an assay not given & set to me the check I enclose of $ 10.00 to pay the Assay as previously from you some time ago

Respectfully Yours

Philip Callender

From
Philip Coulon dec
Madisonville
Luzerne Co
May 22. 1873. Pa
Re for Analysis
$5 sent & returned. Rec
Letter of the 26. May/73

Rec May 23/73

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, May 22d 1873

By Authority of the U.S. Treasury Department, the undersigned offers for sale on behalf of the U.S. Mint at Phila. – about three (3) tons of an alloy of Copper & Nickel; being the melted grains remaining from preparing the 5¢ Alloy. It is well adapted to the manufacture of German Silver castings, and may be seen at the Mint, daily, until June 5th prox: between the hours of 9 A.M. & 12. M.

Written proposals for the same, Signed by the parties offering, are requested; Stating the rate offered, and the quantity desired – the Government reserving the right to dispose of the whole, or a part as may be found most suitable.

Terms, Cash on delivery at the Mint.

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Supt Mint
May 22/73

Circular offering for
sale 6,000 lbs nickel
Bars for sale to
bidders at private
sale

Custom House, Richmond, Va.,

Collector's Office, May 27, 1873.

Sir

By Adams Express I send this day a pkge. No. 12. containing Fifty seven 50/100 dollars ($57.50) gold coin received by me on account Customs duties, and forwarded to you in conformity with instructions Dep. Cir. No. 42 April 1st 1873 as being below current standard weight.

The deposit being for my own account, certificate of deposit will be drawn in my favor as Collector.

I have the honor to be

Your Obt. Servant

Charles L. Mills

Collector

To the

Superintendent of

United States Mint

Philadelphia

Charles S Mills

Collector.

Richmond, Va.,

May 22, 1873.

~~Redeeming the~~

Forwards by Express $57.50 in current ~~Gold~~ Coin, for re-coinage and deposit on his own account.

No. of Enclosures ———

Rec'd May 24/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 22d, 1873.

Sir.

I have completed my draft of instructions for the transaction of business of mints and assay offices, to be issued in printed form, subject to such modifications as may appear to be necessary, after receiving your suggestions in connection with the old form sent you some days since.

I desire to include in these instructions, Regulations for the Striking of medals, - furnishing of proof coins, and specimen pieces, - and will therefore thank you to prepare and submit the regulations requested in my letter of April 3d ultimo.

Yr.

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

It is desirable that the Regulations in printed form should be in readiness to be furnished and go into operation at the commencement of the next Quarter.

I will thank you also to return the letter of Mr Joseph Wharton in relation to Nickel, transmitted to you some days since. In doing so, you will make for my information such suggestions in relation to the probable requirements of metals for the Minor Coinage for say one year from the first of July proximo.

The proposition to purchase any of these metals when required, will of course emanate from you, and therefore all communications addressed to this office will be hereafter referred to you for appropriate action.

I am Sir very respectfully

A. Loudenman

Director

Director (Linderman)

Washington D.C.

May 22/73

In waiting for the desired suggestions as to the revised Instructions for the Business of the Mint.

Also for return of Dr. Wheatons Ms of Nickel, with Supts opinion.

Proposals to purchase nickel will emanate from the Mint.

Rec'd May 22/73

Mint of the United States, at Philadelphia,

Assay Department. May 22. 1873

Hon: James Pollock

Superintendent &c &c.

Dear Sir,

The subject referred to you by the Director of the Mint, and by you placed before the Melter & Refiner and myself, as contained in the documents herewith returned, is one of some importance, & of very considerable interest, and nicety. Briefly, it is an inquiry into the propriety of parting all partible gold and silver deposits, at the charges of the depositor, whether to his benefit or not.

I need not rehearse the past and present practice on this point. I will only say, that it has afforded some little gain to the M & R's accounts (& the Government through them) he being not charged with partings not payable to the depositor. He must therefore speak independently of me, on this question.

I must say however, that I could wish he might still have that advantage, if the new law will permit; although, to tell the truth, it would simplify calculations, by your clerk and my clerk, to have no "one-dollar limit," but to charge and credit in every case, even if the balance be only one cent to the depositor, or something the other side. Sometimes the depositor loses nearly ~~a~~ the dollar, by that rule; and of course the M & R gains it. But as this officer has no benefit from parting charges, if we are to charge always for parting, and always give up the gold or silver parted, we shall sometimes leave the depositor worse off, while the M & R will never be the better off.

As for the assay, we always ascertain the ~~amount~~ proportion both of gold and silver in every deposit, except coin, and a few cases where there is no show of partibility. If there is only a trace, we write down tr. for the M & R's guidance.

The question therefore really concerns him,

more than it does <u>me</u> ; altho' I am very desirous that he should not lose incidental reliefs against wastage.

I observe, that by the new rules of the Mint of Melbourne, where they have to part every deposit, they invariably charge, but they do not give up all the silver parted. They retain four per cent (40 thousandths) for Government.

There is such a nicety about this new point, that I am well satisfied to state facts, without having to give a decision. Whichever way it is decided, it will make no difference to the Assayer, or his routine of work.

I should mention, that formerly our parting limit was five dollars; so that the case might happen, that the M & R would gain $4.99, on a single deposit. We considered it a generous move, to put the limit down to one dollar. The question now is, to put it down to one cent; or rather, to make the depositor pay for parting even if he loses.

Very respectfully
Wm E DuBois
Assayer.

(P.S. over)

Postscript. — From the schedules of deposits, sent with the Director's letter, I take the hardest cases, for the depositor, on the plan of charging him for parting, and giving him the partings (less the alloy) viz:

In an extreme case in the N. Y. office, where (weight 158 ozs.) the fineness was 966, the depositor would get $4.27 silver, & would pay $6.66. Difference against him $2.39.

In an extreme case in the Mint, where the (weight 27 ozs.) fineness was 982 fine, the depositor would get 15 cents silver, & would pay $1.14. Balance against him $~~1.00~~. 99 cents.

Such cases, however, rarely occur.

Respectfully,
Wm. P. Du Bois
Assayer in charge

Aug 23, 1873.

Aug 23, 1873.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

at Philadelphia, 22 May 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint, at Philadelphia

Dear Sir

The question raised by the Director's letter of the 19th Inst., which you submitted to me, lies outside of my special province in the Mint, & has never been considered by me until now, my views having never been required, and as I supposed that all the arrangements for parting charges were satisfactory, I deemed it improper to interfere, altho' I questioned the correctness of the principle enunciated, that I unavoidably gained in my accounts.

Ignoring all our former practice, or the possible gain to my accounts, I prefer to go to the root of the question, and see what principle should govern us in our dealings with depositors of gold, and then how we may best carry out that principle in conformity with laws bearing on the subject.

When a depositor makes a deposit of gold in the Mint, all the gold and silver it may contain is his own property, and he places it in our hands to determine its value, or to refine it by acid, i.e. to part the gold & silver from each other, & then to convert it into coin or fine bars. After deducting the cost of these operations, the balance of the precious metals is his property, whether gold or silver, & he should be paid that balance in each metal. This should be the underlying basis of our dealings with depositors, to be modified in execution by existing laws, or by the necessities of the case, determined by the great law of common sense.

After the gold (made fit for deposit if necessary), has been deposited, its weight & fineness duly ascertained, and thence its absolute or intrinsic value calculated, I think that the depositor should be credited with the full value of the precious metals in each deposit, without any reference to quantity of either. He should then be debited by the cost of refining each metal according to the legal charge for the weight of each, whether taken in gross, or as I think better, by standard weight,—

he should further be debited by the amount of silver left in the alloy (legally);— by the copper introduced as alloy;— by charge for fine bars, coinage, &c.. After these deductions the depositor should receive the whole balance in gold (and silver) coins, &c. in proportion to their relative quantity. Since the deductions are legally made by value, not by weight, it becomes a question whether certain deductions should be made from the gold & others from the silver, or ~~both~~ all the deductions from one of the metals. As the deposit was a gold deposit, & the silver only incidental, & as silver is the ordinary subordinate coin of circulation, I think it better to deduct all the charges from the silver, if it contain any, or as far as its content goes, & then to pay balance to depositor. If there be a balance also on the silver account he should receive it in silver coin; but if the silver present in the deposit be insufficient to meet the charges, then the balance of charges, reduced to gold value, by the legal ratio between silver & gold, should be deducted

from the total gold, & the balance paid the depositor in gold coin (or fine bars).

When the old system of refining gold in the bottle was practised, single deposits might be parted, and then it is quite intelligible why small fractions of silver might be not allowed to the depositor neglected, but now, when deposits are parted in mass, the relative quantity of silver in a gold deposit is of no moment, & a very small quantity is as easily extracted or parted as a larger. There is therefore no good reason at present for not allowing a depositor the silver in his gold, however small it may be. Moreover, when the depositor is charged on the weight of a gold deposit for parting, he has already, in that charge, paid for refining $\frac{2}{3}$ or more of the silver, that was originally in the deposit, because he has paid for dissolving that silver in acid, and because the cost of acid in refining silver is about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the whole cost of refining silver. The remaining cost of refining that silver would be amply compensated by a charge of 1¢ pr. oz. st., and hence I think my view is sustained that a charge for parting the

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, _____ 187—

gold & silver, put on their respective standard weights in a deposit, according to the usual rates of charge, should be made & debited to the depositor.

As far as I know, the arrangement I propose would not cause any more trouble than the present system, to the Assayer, or Calculating Clerk, nor, as I believe, to any other person, except to my own accounts, which it is alleged might be thereby adversely affected. I now say that I think that course should be adopted which is equally just to the depositor & the Government, without reference to myself or any other officer. The same course pursued in all branches of the Mint would better allow of a comparison of results. I may remark however that in thus removing all adventitious gains to the Melter & Refiner's accounts at the Mints of the U.S., while their results may be better compared hereafter, present results cannot be compared with former, when various incidental & adventitious gains were allowed

to compensate unavoidable losses. Nevertheless I believe all such compensations should be avoided, if it be practicable to do so.

I may remark in conclusion that I merely suggest charges upon "standard weight", but if, as the Assayer says, it would be inconvenient to do so, then I would say that if the parting charge be levied on the gross weight of a deposit, no other charge should be levied on the silver of that deposit, because its refining has been virtually paid for in the parting charge levied on the whole deposit.

Very truly yours

I. A. C. Booth

M & R.

Jas. C. Booth
M. T. R.
May 22/73

Partial deposits
& charges, without
regard to the $1.
limit.

Rec May 23/73

3120-73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 21, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 20th inst, authority is hereby given to sell the 6000 pounds of Nickel and Copper residue on hand. The offer of sale to be made by circular to the various brass founders and smelters.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hook & Co
Broad & Hamilton st

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

Authorizing the Sale of
6,000 lbs of Nickel & Copper
Cuttings. Bids to be invited
by Circulars to the Various
Brass Founders & Smelters.

Rec May 22/73

Mint of the United States,

~~CHIEF~~ COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, May 21st 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent &c

Dear Sir;

At the request of Col. Peyton of the Gardner Fire Extinguisher Co., I respectfully call your attention to my communication of Nov. 20th 1872, recommending the purchase of some of these Fire Extinguishers for use in the Mint.

The number designated in the communication referred to may be perhaps judiciously reduced to two.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt. Sert
Linderman
Coiner

A. London Snowden
Coiner Ustlint
May 21/73

Again recommends
the purchase of Gardner's
Fire Extinguishers.

May 21. 1873
Mrs F. E. advised to be
bought for the Mint.

Rec'd May 21/73

Office of U. S. Ass't Treasurer,

Boston, May 21st, 1873.

Sir,

I am this day in receipt of your communication of 19th inst. and its enclosures viz: 6/D from Asst. Treas at Philadelphia for $3954.05 and memorandums of value of gold coin forwarded to you $3000. on the 13th and $1000. on 14th instants.

Very Respectfully

T. Haven

U.S. Asst Treas

Jas Pollock Esq.
Superintendent,
U.S. Mint,
Pa.

F. Haven, Jr.
Asst Treasurer,
Boston Mass

May 21/73

Ass't Treasurer.

~~Boston,~~ , 187 .

~~Relating to~~

Ackg rect of C/D
for $3954.05 nett
proceeds of receivage
of $3,000 + $1,000, sold.

~~No. of Enclosures~~

Rec'd May 24/73

Oficina de ENRIQUE MEIGGS,

35, Calle de las Mantas,

Lima, May 20th 1873

James Pollock Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint. &
Philada

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your two favors of March 26th & Apl 4th conveying to me much valuable information in regard to the making of coin and possibility of obtaining skilled operatives for Peru. I have laid these papers before Mr. Meiggs, and he desires to thank you through me for your kind attention.

Should the idea of coining through private enterprise be carried out, it will be done by an association of the Banks and every guarantee to the community and to those engaged in it, be given.

It must be some months yet, before the machinery now here can be erected, I have written fully on the subject by this mail, to Mr James, at the request of his uncle, the Prefect of Puno, and suggested to him not to make any arrangements, looking towards a change of residence & position

without further definite advices from me. Unless I can have a positive guaranteed offer sent to him, improving his position & salary, materially, I would by no means advise him to come. His salary, in view of his experience, ability & character, should be in my opinion at least 5000$ with travelling expenses and contract for term of years.

Again renewing my thanks for your courtesy, I beg to remain

Yours very truly

James L. Kaufman

Chas. S. Rand
for Henry Meiggs
Lima, Peru, S. A.
May 20. 1873

Ack'g Sept. 4th letter
with reference to
Coining in Peru. Ma-
chinery not yet up.
Mr. Jones not to
come, until depôts
arrangements,

Rec'd June 10. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 19, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th instant, requesting an increase of the silver bullion fund of the mint. It has been determined by the Department to transfer to your bullion fund the U.S. silver dollars and Mexican dollars now in the various treasury offices.

In order to avoid a confusion of the accounts of the Sub-treasuries, it will be necessary to turn these coins over to you at their

nominal

nominal value, but the profit on the transaction will have to be accounted for by you, and paid into the treasury of the United States as a miscellaneous receipt.

I will be glad if you will indicate the most convenient manner in which this can be done.

I have learned to day that there are at New Orleans a considerable sum of Mexican dollars not embraced in the statement to which I referred in my letter of the 16th instant. It is proposed to transfer the entire amount.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D. C.
May 19/73

The U.S. silver dollars & Mexican dollars in the U.S. Treasury, will be transferred to the bullion fund of the Mint; to be taken at their nominal value, & the profit paid into the Treasury.

Rec'd May 20/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 19, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith memorandums showing the number, weight and fineness of Gold deposits at Philadelphia and New York (for one quarter) on which the parting charge was not levied. On those above 949½ ‰ there can be no doubt that under the old law which permitted one half of the alloy of gold to consist of silver the omission of the parting charge was proper; but the extent of the list at

New York

New York below 949½ indicates a change under the new law as necessary. It is my desire however to hear all that can be urged in favor of the old system as being substantially a compliance with the new law and duly consider the same before issuing final instructions on the subject.

I will thank you to look over these Memoranda and give me your views upon the subject. The views of the Assayer and Melter and Refiner are also desired.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

P.S. Please return the enclosures with your report.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.

Enclosing memorandum, for one quarter, showing the amount, weight & fineness of Gold deposited at New York and Philada on which the parting charge was not levied.

Wishes an Expression of opinion as to whether a change is not necessary under the act of Jan 14, & the

Recd May 20/73

DEALERS IN
GOVERNMENT BONDS,
STOCKS,
AMERICAN AND FOREIGN
GOLD & SILVER COIN,
Revenue Stamps and Miscellaneous Securities at
NEW YORK RATES.
Currency and Gold Deposit Accounts received. We draw
BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
Available in all parts of the world. Collections made everywhere.

THOMAS SQUIRES & SON, BANKERS,

NO. 1 EXCHANGE BUILDING,

Albany, N. Y., May 19 1873

Hon James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint
Dear Sir. Enclosed find U. S. Currency
One Dollar and fifty cents ($1.50)
Please send us ten proof sets of
1-2-3 & 5 cent coin therefor.
We shall also be obliged for a copy of
your latest published order in Regard to
the weight of Gold and Silver Coins, and
information as to when you will
issue the new coinage, all of which
will be duly appreciated by

Yours Truly
Thomas Squires & Son

Thos. Squires & Son
Albany N.Y.
May 19/73

1. Enclosing $1.50 for 1.2.
3. F.S & proof letter.
2. Wants circular giving weight of Gold & Silver Coins.
3. When will the new Silver Coinage be ready.

Rec'd May 20/73.

Mint of the United States, at Philadelphia.

Assay Department. May 19. 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c. &c.

Dear Sir

After much consideration, I nominate William H. Embery, now of the Melter & Refiner's Department, to fill the place about to be vacated by Mr. Abell.

Mr Embery is recommended to me by Mr. Boyd, both as a workman and a worthy man, and well known to him personally.

He is in the prime of life (about 33 years of age) of light frame and yet strong and healthy; industrious, careful, and of good moral character. All these points go to make up the kind of man we want.

It is a further recommendation, that he served his country for a long term, in the War for the Union.

Very respectfully,

Wm E DuBois
Assayer.

19. May. 1873 I cordially agree with the within recommendation. Jas H Booth
M. & R.

Wm E. DuBois
Assayer

May 19 1873. Selection
of Mr Embury, appointee in
place of Mr Abel: and Mr
Abel appointed Chief Assistant
in place of McGee.

J P Kemp

Ft Folsom Effective the 1st
of June 73.

Rec'd May 19/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Penna.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find copies of Department's Circular No 40, to which your attention is invited.

You are informed that the letter scales, for weighing mail matter, will be issued upon the receipt and approval by this office of a requisition for the same. Should your institution be already supplied with these scales you will inform this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D. C.

May 17/73

Enclosing Circular
in reference to Official
postage stamps.
Will forward P. O.
balance if desired.

Rec'd May 19/73

CIRCULAR.

1873.
Department No. 40.
Stationery and Printing Division.

Treasury Department,

Washington, March 28, 1873.

To Officers and Clerks of the Treasury Department and others:

The Act of January 31, 1873, to abolish the franking privilege, enacts "That the franking privilege be, and the same hereby is, abolished from and after the first day of July, 1873, and that thenceforth all official correspondence of whatever nature, and other mailable matter, sent from or addressed to any officer of the Government or person now authorized to frank such matter, shall be chargeable with the same rates of postage as may be lawfully imposed upon like matter sent by or addressed to other persons."

Section 4 of the act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1873, makes an appropriation for the purchase of postage stamps for the Treasury Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, and provides that the Postmaster General shall cause to be prepared a special stamp or stamped envelope to be used only for official mail matter, for each of the Executive Departments; and that the said stamps or stamped envelopes shall be supplied by the proper officers of the said Departments to all persons under its direction requiring the same for official use.

In compliance with the provisions of this section, and to enable officers and clerks of this Department, or under its direction and control, to comply with the requirements of the first-named act, official postage stamps, prepared by the Postmaster General for the use of the Treasury Department, will be furnished to officers of the Department upon requisition, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be used only for official purposes from and after the first day of July, 1873.

The following officers may order stamps for the use of their respective offices, and will provide for their safe-keeping, and see that they are used only as contemplated by the act above quoted; and will report to the Secretary of the Treasury monthly, on the first day of each month, the amount of stamps of each denomination used during the preceding month, and the amount of each denomination on hand at the close of business on the last business day of said month, viz:

Heads of Bureaus in the Treasury Department, and Chiefs of Divisions in the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Officers of Customs at New York, viz., Collector, Naval Officer, Surveyor, Appraiser, and United States General Appraiser, monthly. Superintendent of the Coast Survey, United States Assistant Treasurers at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Saint Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and San Francisco; Officers of Customs, viz., Collector, Naval Officer, Surveyor, Appraiser, and United States General Appraiser at Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, and San Francisco, quarter-yearly. Collectors or other Chief Officers of Customs at all the ports of the United States not named above; all Assistant Treasurers not named above, and Designated Depositaries, Supervisors and Collectors of Internal Revenue and Internal Revenue Agents, Chief Officer at the Mint and branches, Light-house Engineers and Inspectors, Supervising and Local Inspectors of Steam-Vessels—the latter through the Supervising Inspector for his approval; Officers of the Revenue Marine, through the Collector or Chief Officer of Customs at the port nearest to their stations; Superintendents of Life-Saving Service, for the use of their offices and the stations under their charge; and Surgeons of Marine Hospitals, through the Collector or Chief Officer of Customs at the port where the hospital is located, semi-annually.

Stamps will be furnished in the following denominations, viz., one, two, three, six, seven, ten, twelve, fifteen, twenty-four, thirty, and ninety-cent; and officers will state in their requisitions the specific quantity or amount of each denomination required for the periods above named, and will avoid making supplemental requisitions so far as possible.

Each separate package or parcel of mail matter should be weighed and the proper amount of stamps affixed; but in no case should written and printed matter be sent in the same parcel, as that will subject the whole to letter postage; and officers and others using these stamps will carefully inform themselves of the laws and regulations of the Post Office Department in force relating to this subject.

Letter scales will be furnished or authorized, when needed, on application to this Department.

WM. A. RICHARDSON,

Secretary of the Treasury.

REQUISITION FOR OFFICIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.

No. .....

Mint of the United States,

At .....

....., 187 .

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish Official Postage Stamps for the use of this Office during the six months ending ....., 187 , *as follows:*

Quantity.	Denominations.	Amount.		REMARKS.
	One-cent.....			
	Two-cent.....			
	Three-cent.....			
	Six-cent.....			
	Seven-cent			
	Ten-cent.....			
	Twelve-cent.....			
	Fifteen-cent			
	Twenty-four-cent.....			
	Thirty-cent.....			
	Ninety-cent			

Very respectfully,

.....

Superintendent.

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington, D. C.

No. .....

Mint of the United States,

At .....

..... *187* .

.....

Superintendent.

REQUISITION

FOR

OFFICIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.

No. of enclosures, ...

Officers must fill out this endorsement.

Stationery and Printing Division.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing statement of the Melter & Refiner's "Minor Coinage Account" from January 1, 1870, to April 1, 1873.

I agree with you in the opinion that the exhibit of wastage, &c, is creditable and satisfactory.

In consequence of the want of room in the Coiner's department no alteration of existing regulations in relation to the manipulation of the minor coinage metals

metals is practicable.

Very respectfully,

H. L. Lindenman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
May 17/73

Ack'g rec't of M. & R's
Statement of Mint
Coinage Account's from
Jan'y 1. 1870 to April 1. 1873.
No change to be made
in the existing regulations
with regard to the manufac-
-ture of the mint coinage
metals.

Rec'd May 18. 1873

Mint of the United States.
Chief Coiners Department
Philadelphia, May 16th 1873

Copy

Hon
James Pollock
Superintendent &c

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. I have the honor to recomend and nominate Miss Emily Thornton as an Adjuster in this Department, in place of Mrs. L. W. Cotton, resigned.

I am Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
(Signed) A Louden Snowden
Coiner

A. Landen Snowden
Coines.
May 16/73

Nominating Miss
Emily Thornton as
Adjuster.

Rec'd May 16/73

May 16/73

My dear Sir,

I have
put the question at
issue between the
Assayer M.T.K.
& the best Shape
I could for an
impartial & Skilful
Examination.

I trust that
You closed copies
on Your Letter book
that You do not
deem any
newspaper Notice
of what is but
an ordinary

incident in
Printing —

I think the
Public more
likely to reach a
safe & satisfactory
Conclusion by
Uniting the practical
Skill of Your Officers
with the Judgment
of Ry Rodgers &
Prince — than in
any other way.

The Reasons
Reasons suggestion
of this Subject makes
them allsmost

and safe man

It is a
delicate question
on which two
conscientious +
skilled officers
disagree should
be most carefully
investigated and
considered

Very truly
H. Robinson

Hon James Pollock

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 16, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing reports from the Assayer and Melter and Refiner, on the subject of the reporting of Silver ingots for coinage, has been received.

With a view to determine the question which has arisen on this point, you are instructed to cause the necessary experiments to be made, calling to your aid the services of Professor Robt E Rodgers, and for which you are authorised to

allow him a compensation of $10.00 per diem, out of the Contingent fund of the Mint, while engaged in the performance of the duty.

The experiments to be made should be determined in the first instance by Profr Rodgers, yourself, the Assayer, Melter and Refiner and Coiner; and then let them be conducted under the supervision of yourself and Professor Rodgers.

It is suggested that the question of dispensing with the pickling of the coins, and the substitution of some other process for cleaning them not capable of removing any part of the metal, be considered.

It is directed that while the experiments are in process Professor Rodgers

Rodgers take such observation of the operations of the Melter and Refiner's department as he may deem proper, as supplementary to his former investigations, and to recommend such additional checks as may be deemed necessary for a further reduction in the silver wastage.

The result of the experiments, and of the examination of Professor Rodgers, will, when completed, be reported to this office.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.

Directs Experiments
to be made, with the
assistance of Prof. R.
E. Rodgers, to determine
the proper fineness of
silver ingots for
coinage.

Rec'd May 17/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

May 16, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In a statement of coins in the Treasury on March 31, 1873, prepared for me by the Independent Treasury Division, I observe that there are $367.264.47 in Silver coins, of which $52.134 are U.S. Silver dollars, and a considerable amount in Mexican Dollars. There are also some Foreign gold coins.

I think of recommending the Silver dollars to be added by transfer to the bullion fund of the

the Mint at Philadelphia, and the Foreign coins sent there for recoinage on account of the United States at such time as may be convenient for you to execute the same.

Please favor me with any suggestions you deem proper on the subject.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.

May 16/73

Thinks of recommending that $57,134. in Silver dollars, in the U. S. Treasury, be transferred to the Bullion Fund of the Mint; & that the foreign gold Coins be sent to the Mint, for recoinage.

Rec'd May 17/73

Official

Treasury Department,
Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

16 May 1857

Hon. James Pollock,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 15th inst., and value of $95.57 in Silver Coin per Express.

Please accept my thanks for your prompt courtesy in the matter.

Very respectfully

A. M. Clarke

acty Chief of Bur.

H. McCartee, Esq
Acting Chief of Division

Bureau Engraving & Printing.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Dated May 16/73

~~Received May 17/73.~~

Subject.

A'k'g rec't of
$95.57 in Silver
Coin, in return for
Gold deposited.

Rec'd May 17/73

Accounts—Form Bd.)

Melius

Treasury of the United States,

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS,

May 15 . 1878

The following transfer orders have this day been issued for transportation of funds

NO.		AMOUNT.
1455	Favor Asst. Treas. U.S. Phila, Pa	50445
	Dr U.S. Notes, As requested by your favor of the 13th inst.	
	Superintendent U.S. Mint, Phila. Pa.	

E. A. Spinner

Treasurer U. S.

Notes: Cobb Co

Treasurer U.S.
(Spinner)

May 15/73

Notice of transfer
draft for $50,445.—
in favor of Asst-Treas.
Phila, proceeds of
re-issued minor
coins.

Rec'd May 16/73

Personal

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 15th, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

My dear Sir.

I brought with me from the mint for the purpose of showing the Secretary that the work of preparing the devices and dies for the Trade-dollar was progressing as rapidly as possible, two specimens in tin of one pair of dies nearly completed. (Mr Barber can describe them.)

The Secretary took them, of his own instance, to exhibit to the President and I am informed that they are much admired.

I had explained to the Secretary that these were specimens taken by the Engraver to test the progress of the work, and that they did not indicate what we

hope

hope to accomplish in the final completion of the work.

I mention these facts to show that the zeal of yourself, and your subordinate officers in this work is appreciated, as well as the interest manifested for the early issue of the new coin.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Directed by the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
D.C.
May 15/73

Commendatory of
impressions of dies
for trade dollar.

Rec'd May 16/73

C. R. SEBOR, Pres. CAPITAL, $350,000 J. E. BIDWELL, Cash.

Middlesex County National Bank

Middletown, Conn. May 14th 1873.

Hon. James Pollock Supt.

Dear Sir

I am Very sorry to trouble you so much, but it seems by your letter of the 13th. inst. that you still misunderstand the purport of my letter of the 1st & 12th. You say that you do not exchange 5.s. for 5.s. neither 1.s for 1.s. I believe I have not made any such request as this. — I have not sent you any one cent pieces at all, and the five cent pieces which I sent I requested to have redeemed. I have returned the five cent pieces which you sent.

And will now ask that for the 40. Dollars in 2 cent pieces and the 60. Dollars in 5 cent pieces which I sent you on the first inst. to have you send me 100. Dollars in One cent pieces and Very much Oblige

Yours Resp. J. E. Bidwell

Sent $ft for $64. (59.80) = a ltr & inst

39.96 in 1¢

Middlesex Co Nat Bk
Middletown
J. E. Bidwell Comm
May 14. 1873

Relation to exchange
of base coin &c &c

Rec May 15. 1873

Office of U. S. Ass't Treasurer,

Boston, May 14th, 1873.

Sir.

I forward to you this day by the Adams Express Co. Gold Coins, Nominal Value $1000. (Value by weight $992.35) deposited at this office this day for gold notes, and have to request that on ascertaining the true value, you will cause the proper deposit to be made in name of Asst. Treas. at Boston with the Asst. Treas. at Philadelphia on a/c of "Transfer of Funds", returning to me C/D in duplicate therefor at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully

T. Hamen

U.S. Asst. Treas.

To Superintendent.
U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

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F. Haven Jr
asst. Recr. U.S.
Boston, Mass.

Ass't Treasurer.

~~Boston,~~

May 14/73 , 187 .

~~Relating to~~

Forwards $1,000.
Gold coin, by Express, for Re coinage.

~~No. of Enclosures~~

Rec'd May 16/73

P.O. BOX 390.

OFFICE OF
Van Wart & McCoy,
43 Chambers Street,

New York May 14th 1873

Railway, Machinists' and
Miners' Supplies.
SOLE AGENTS FOR TANGYE BROS.
Wrought Iron Tackle Blocks,
Lifting and Carrying Jacks,
Wrought Iron Guide Plates for Re-railing
Railway Carriages.
The "Duplex" Punching Machine,
Hydraulic Presses,
Hydraulic Punches and Shears,
Hydraulic Machines for testing Iron,
Girders, Beams, Boiler Plates, &c.
Prices and Information given for all
kinds of Hydraulic Machinery.
AGENTS FOR J. BAILEY & CO'S
Gun Metal Steam Guages, best quality
and finish, accuracy guaranteed.
Patent Fusible Plugs,
Patent Pyrometers, for Blast Furnaces,
Ovens, &c.
Blast Pressure Guages,
Patent Oil Tester, for testing the value
of Lubricating Oil,
Guage Glasses for Steam Boilers,
The "Needle" Lubricator,
Hollin's Patent Injectors,
Lathe Chucks,
"Salter's" Locomotive Spring Balances,
Patent Tube Expanders,
Tube Scrapers,
Expanding Brushes,
Spiral Brushes,
Steel Wire Brushes, for cleaning Iron
and Brass when hot.
Alarm Signals (Torpedoes) Treble
Capped, best made.
Weston's Patent Differential Pulley
Blocks, Rachet Drills and Hoisting Crabs.
WM. MAKIN & SON'S
Best quality of Files and Tools,
Solid Cast Steel Hammers,
Cast Steel Shafts and Forgings,
Paper Maker's Tools of every description.

Jas Pollock. Esq.
Supt's US Mint. Phila Pa.

Dear Sirs

We write for information by to-days mail and will communicate information as soon as received.

Should you ever be in want of Files. Rope Block, of Wrought Iron, or Differential pulley Blocks, we would be pleased to supply the Mint on the same terms and discounts as we do the trade.

Anything we sell is warranted first quality in material and manufacture.

Yours truly,
Van Wart & McCoy

Van Wart & McCoy
43 Chambers St.
New York

May 14/73

Have written to England for a quotation for Nickels for the Mint.

Rec'd May 15/73

Clerk's Office

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., May 14. 1873.

Sir:

I send you by mail to-day 56 Volumes of the Calf-bound Congressional Documents of the 42nd, 41st, 2nd & 1st Congresses for which I have on file in this office the receipt of the City P. M.

Please acknowledge receipt of same and oblige

Yours Very Respectfully

Jno. B. Clark Jr.

Supt. Clerk's Doc Room H.R.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

Clerk Sta. Reps.

Washington D.C.

May 14/73

Sends to the Mint by mail 56 bolts of the 40th, 41st and 42nd Congress.

Rec'd May 15/73

C. ROBBINS & SON,

AGENTS FOR

EDWARD BARNES & SONS,
Cutlers,
SHEFFIELD, ENG.

BLUNT & FULLER,
Commission Merchants,
BURMINGHAM, ENG.

104 JOHN STREET,

New York, May 14 1873

Jas Pollock Esq
Dear Sir-

Your favr of the 13th is to hand & we have to day written to our English correspondents to give us their lowest quotation for Nickel without delay -

As soon as we hear from them we shall lose no time in informing you -

Your &c -
C Robbins & Son

C. Robbins & Son
104 John Street
New York

May 14/73

Have written
to England for a
quotation for
Nickel for the
Mint.

Rec'd May 15/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 13, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

You will please furnish this office, as early as convenient, with a statement of the Gold and Silver of domestic production deposited at your institution during the year ending December 31st, 1872; and the particular localities from whence the productions were derived.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

May 13/73

Requests Statement
of Gold & Silver of
domestic production,
with localities, during
the Year Ending Dec-
-ember 31, 1872.

Rec'd May 14/73

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

May 13/73

Requests Statement
of Gold & Silver of
domestic production,
with localities, during
the Year Ending Dec-
-ember 31. 1872.

Rec May 14/73

Office of U. S. Ass't Treasurer,

Boston, May 13th, 1873.

Sir.

I forward to you this day by the Adams Express Co. Gold Coins. Nominal Value $3000. (Value by weight $2962.50 without allowance for the ½ per cent allowed by law) deposited at this office this day for gold notes, and have to request that on ascertaining the true value, you will cause the proper deposit to be made in name of Assistant Treasurer at Boston with the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia on account of "Transfer of Funds" returning to me C/D in duplicate therefor.

Respectfully

F. Hamm

U.S. Asst. Treas.

To Superintendent
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

F. Haven Jr.
Ass't Treas. U.S.
Boston Mass

Ass't Treasurer.

~~Boston,~~

May 13/73, 187

~~Relating to~~

Sends by Express,
for re coinage,
Gold Coins of the
nominal value
of $3,000.—

~~No. of Enclosures~~

Rec'd May 15/73

Official

Treasury Department,
Bureau of
Engraving and Printing

12. May 1873

Hon James Pollock
Director of the U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I forward per Express this day about 100 pcs of Virgin Gold, for which I will thank you to return the equivalent, (per Adams Express to this Bureau) in Silver Coin, less such Expenses as may be necessary

in the case, and greatly
obliged.

Very respectfully

"M" Carter

acting Chief of Bureau

C. McCartee
Acting Chief

FROM THE

Bureau of Engraving & Printing.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Dated 12 May 1873.

~~Rec'd 13 May, 1873~~

Subject.

Sends 100 proofs
Virgin Gold - & wants
~~Virgin Gold~~ Silver Coin Ex-
- change.

95.57 - Silver Coin
forwarded May 15/73

Rec'd May 13/73

J. R. COULTER, President. H. C. PADDOCK, Cashier. T. B. COULTER, Ass't Cashier.

The Union National Bank

OF AURORA.

Aurora, Ill. May 10 1879

W. S. Hart. Esq

Dear Sir,

We ordered $150. Small Can Apart 1/2" and your acknowledgement of same saying it would be sent in about 2 weeks We have not rec'd them & are out of all small change

Please hurry them up & greatly oblige

Yours Respy H C Paddock & Co

Sent, May 12th,

Union Nat. Bank
H. C. Paddock.
of Aurora
Ill
May 13. 1873

Asks after base coins
ordered April 12th

Rec'd May 16. 1873

C. R. SEBOR, Pres. CAPITAL, $350,000. J. E. BIDWELL, Cash.

Middlesex County National Bank.

Middletown, Conn May 12th 1873.

Ed. Pollock Esq., ~~Cashier~~ Supt

Dear Sir,

I ~~enclose~~ Sent you on the 1st inst. 40 Dollars in two cent pieces and 60 Dollay in five cent pieces, the two cent pieces Irequested exchanged as follows 25 Dollay in one cent pieces 10 Dollay " five cent pieces and the balance in three cent pices, of the new coniage.

I received on Saturday by Adams Ex & Co. a packay of 25 Dollars in five cent pieces of the old issue of 1867—1868 & and 14 95/100 Dollay 5 ct pieces of 1873 and one—one cent piece, making in all 39 96/100 Dolly.

I do not understand this at all. I have all the five cent pieces which I care to have, in Bank now. my only reason for leuding for any five cent pices at all, way that I thought from the desinption in the circular, that they were different from the old ones, and desired a few as Specimens.

I shall be under the necessity of returning the five cent pieces and should like very much to have you send me the One Cent Pieces of the new Coniage as requested.

Yours Very Respt

D. E. Bidwell

Cr

Middlesex Co Nat Bk

Middletown

J. C. Bidwell

Conn

May 12/73

Relation to Exchange
& Redemption of Bank
Coin

Rec May 13/73

Dies Inch
May 12th 1873

U.S. Mint

Gentlemen.

Gold received
all Satisfactory. Thanks
Very Respectfully
Yours &c
J. Crockett Brown

J. Crocker Brown
Niles
Mich
May 12/73

Gold rec'd – all
right.

Rec'd May 14/73

Office of U. S. Ass't Treasurer,

Boston, May 12th, 1873.

To the Superintendent
of U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir, I send you a half eagle which is 8 4/10 grains below the standard weight (date 1855) and request that you will return me its value with some explanation of its extraordinary lightness. Thinking that it might be a filled coin I caused it to be cut open.

Respectfully
F. Dawes Jr.
U.S. Asst. Treas.

F. Haven Jr
Ass't Treasurer. U.S.

Boston,

May 12, 1873.

~~Relating to~~

Enclosing for
Examination and
return of proceeds
of a defective
half Eagle.

Rec'd May 14/73

No. of Enclosures 1.

The Buffalo Street Rail Road Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

S. V. R. WATSON,
President and Treasurer.
H. M. WATSON,
Secretary.
J. H. SMALL,
Superintendent.

Buffalo N.Y. May 31 1873

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Can you furnish us with "Two cent bronze" & "Five cent Nickel pieces" at once if ~~you~~ you will order immediately &.

Respectfully
H. M. Watson
Cashier

Buffalo Street R R
Buffalo
N Y

asks how soon Mr. can furnish 6, 4 2 pairs

Rec'd June 2. 1873

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia May 31st 1873

Sir

I forward to you to day, by Express, a box containing seven (7) pattern pieces of the "Trade Dollar" for your inspection, and the consideration of the Secretary of the Treasury.

They are very creditable specimans of Art, but I prefer nos. 3 & 5 to either of the others.

I also enclose a drawing, or model in plaster, of a new design for the obverse of the "Trade Dollar" which I regard an improvement over all.

Under my direction the Engraver has made arrangements to complete dies of the Trade Dollar for the Mints at San-Francisco and Carson at the earliest practicable moment after the designs have been adopted.

and forward them by Express without
delay. Please return plaster model.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Powell
Superintendent

Hon
C. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED, JUN 2 1873

U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
May 31. 1873

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Forwards, by Express,
7 pattern pieces &
1 plaster model of
the Trade Dollar.

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Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 18

No. of Papers,

Subject,

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 29th, 1873.

Sir

I am advised that we may expect deposites to a large amount for the new trade-dollar as soon as it is known when it will be ready for issue.

Assuming that the specimen pieces will be here by the 2d proximo, and that a selection therefrom shall be made and adopted on that day, I have to request that you will take all necessary steps for the coinage and issue of the new coin (Trade-dollar) at the earliest day possible, and that working dies for the same be prepared and sent to the mints at

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent U.S. mint

Philadelphia Pa.

at San Francisco and Carson as soon after the adoption of the devices as the same can be conveniently prepared.

In the preparation of the dies for this new coin, the usual letters indicating respectively the mints at which they are issued will be placed on the dies.

I am Sir, very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

Regret Coinage of
the Trade dollars to
be Expedited as soon
as the designs are
adopted. This to
be forwarded to San
Francisco, & Carson

Rec'd May 30/73

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873 / MAY (CONT.)

AMES SEMINARY
LOS ANGELES, CAL.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/JUNE

June 2. 1873.

Hon James Black

Dear Sir,

Owing I suppose to the heavy mails received on Monday morning your letter respecting Watts Roman Specimens was not delivered until 15 minutes before Seven O'Clock and after a decision had been arrived at meanwhile the pieces had been taken apart down several times & could no longer be identified with the numbers originally placed on the paper enclosing Each piece.

I will Barbier & Co sincerely desire to avoid making the Mark Credible

he has an opportunity
to do it and if he fails,
he must be held
responsible Just the
Usual so inform him.
The devices are all
Covered and appropriate
and everything depends
on the Barber hanging them
up so that a fine
and legible impression
shall be given the Coin.
He can make a pretty
reverse out of the Goldright
Eagle (Barber Eagle if
You choose to call it)
and the omission of
the motto in favor of
trust (on the reverse) leaves

race for bringing the
letter, describing the weight
and fineness, up properly.
However I send the
letter, "Liberty" & also the
"In God we trust" may be
on the obverse they showed
less distrust as to with
As soon as these
minor details & suggestions
are attended to I will
thank You to send me
another proof obverse
& Reverse.

Very Truly
H. R. Linderman

From the Director (Linderman) on the design for the Trade dollar.

June 2d. 1873

Rec'd June 3/73

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the appropriation for the redemption and re-issue of such coin.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 21/73

Requesting an
Estimate of the Expense
of Re-issuing redeemed
Nina coins during
the fiscal year 1873-4

Rec'd June 23/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 21st, 1873.

Sir —

It appears from the statements received from your Mint that a considerable amount of the minor coins redeemed during the current fiscal year cannot be re-issued until some time during the coming fiscal year by being necessary to re-coin a portion on account of their being mutilated, and for other sufficient reasons.

You will please submit an estimate of the expense of re-issuing the coins in question during the next fiscal year in order that the necessary notice may be given the Secretary in connection with the

Hon James Pollock.

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 23, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

There has recently been transferred to the Treasurer of the U S, by the Superintendent of the Assay office New York, the sum of $1.025.76 in gold coin, "being the proceeds of Assay Cornets accumulated in the Assayer's department to June 1." 1873."

I was under the impression that the Assayer, not being an accounting officer, informally returned from time to time all the small particles of bullion reclaimed in his office; but the

transfer referred to indicates that such is not the fact.

I will thank you to report to me the practice and result in this respect at the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully,

A Rehnderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 23/73

What is the practice
of the Assayer in
accounting for the
small particles
of bullion reclaimed
in his office.

[June 27. 1873 —
Assayer Du Bois'
Report filed herewith]

Rec'd June 24/73

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

Boston, Mass., June 23d, 1873.

Sir.

I forward you this day by Adams Express Company 5 Kegs of light Coin, Containing Four hundred thousand dollars, ($400.000) as directed by the Hon. W. A. Richardson Sec'y of Treasury

Respectfully.

F. Dawes
Ass't Treas'r U.S.
Boston

Hon James Pollock
Supt of the Mint
Philadelphia

United States Treasury, Boston,

June 23, 1873.

F. Haven Jr.
Ass't Treasurer.

Remits, by Express, $400,000., light gold coin for recoinage

No. of Enclosures

Rec'd June 25/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 23, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th instant, in relation to test assays and statistics of foreign coins.

I adopt your suggestion as to the making of the test at some other institution than that at which the coins are issued, but for the present I am unwilling to regard anything as definite without a proof test by the experienced assayers of your mint.

When the test samples are melted

needed, I will thank you to send a slip therefrom in each case to the New York assay office, with a request to the Superintendent to have the same assayed and the result reported to me. Care will be taken to have the slips properly numbered, so that when the report of the assay reaches us we will be able to identify the same and compare the assays with the result obtained by your assayer.

We will endeavor to make up here the statistics in relation to foreign standards contained in the replies received in answer to our circular on that subject.

Very respectfully,

H. K. Landenberger

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 23/73

Special test assays
of the coinage of the
Mints, to be made
by the Assayer of the
Phil.a Mint and of
the N. Y. Assay Office

Rec.d June 24/73

Asst. Treasurer

Office U. S. ~~Designated Depositary.~~

Chicago, Illinois.

25 June, 1873.

To the Director of
U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir.

By order of the Secretary of the Treasury I send you this day, by Adams' Express Co. Six thousand nine hundred dollars in Silver Coin.

Very respectfully
D. L. Webster.
Asst. Treas'r. U.S.

21 bags 300$ ea = 6300
1 " 150.
1 " 125.
1 " 150.
1 " 175
600
$6900

Asst. Treas. U.S.
(J. D. Webster)
June 25/73

Sends by Express
$6,900. Silver Coin,
by order of the Sec'y
Treas. (For Redemption
Fund of the Mint)

Rec'd June 27/73

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 25 1873

Sir,

I am glad to have a call to explain the mode in which our Assayer settles with the Superintendent and the Melter & Refiner, for assay-cuts and granulations, gold and silver. What follows, is in his own ~~terms~~ expressions.

"As the Assayer is not, in the purview of the law, an accounting officer, it is important to state how he meets this responsibility.

As a matter of curiosity, & I may say of amusement, it may be proper to say, that at the beginning of the Mint, the Assayer kept all the pieces he cut off, as his own perquisite of office.

This was while there was not much to do; and it did not last long.

But for a long time after, although this officer returned all his cuttings from time to time, he kept no account of them, and

the dependence was entirely upon his honesty. Happily the office was successively filled by men (Joseph Richardson, John Richardson, and Jacob R. Eckfeldt) who were very scrupulous in that moral quality.

This however was a loose practice, and felt to be so when deposits from California and elsewhere became numerous.

It therefore became, in Mr Eckfeldt's time, a matter of regular weighing and daily entry in account books. These may be called informal, because no statements from them are audited at ~~Washington~~ the Treasury Department; still they are real and responsible, as they keep these transactions straight among the officers.

The Assayer's Record of Assay slips consists of four accounts; Gold, and Silver, with the ~~Treasurer~~ Superintendent; Gold, and Silver, with the Melter & Refiner.

The two accounts with the Superintendent

are settled monthly. The abstracts A and B enclosed, show how this is done.

We take all the chips, cornets &c. and melt them into a bar; and inasmuch as the original deposits were very unequal in fineness, and many of them very low; and as the cupellation and parting leave only fine metal, it is necessary and just to add copper to the mixture, to make good the weight.

But in regard to <u>silver</u>, much of the product being in chloride, which it would be troublesome and useless to metallize every month, we put that chloride in with what belongs to the M & R, and take an equal value in metallic slips from his account.

Thus we square up with the Superintendent monthly, leaving no balance or surplus.

The two Accounts, Gold and Silver, kept with the Melter & Refiner, are for slips and granulations taken from ingots, fine bars, toughened bars, &c. which are kept separate

from those taken from deposits, in custody of the Superintendent.

The enclosed abstracts C, D, E, F, show that we make ~~as~~ annual settlements with him, at the time of his setting up (to April.) Also that we make a monthly statement of his gold in our custody, for our own satisfaction, to see how we stand; and further, that when gold or silver accumulates, we hand over amounts, on account.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, 187
No. of Papers,
Subject,

It would be perfectly practicable to make shorter settlements with the M & R; however, the chloride of silver has to be recovered for this purpose; and as all our proof gold and silver are legally his, these ~~would~~ have to be returned to us.

Whatever the M & R prefers, in this matter, or the Superior officers direct, will be done. These small samples make ~~nearly~~ as much clerking as if they were large quantities.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, _____ 187_

You will observe by the footings on papers C and D, that we actually hand over to the M & R a little more, both gold and silver, than we are chargeable with. This arises from minute gains in weighing, in parting, &c. – And just here, you will understand, the Assayer has an opportunity of dealing unfairly, to a small extent. I do not see how this can be guarded against.

What with keeping these accounts, and the Registers of deposits, ingots and screeps, and the daily memoranda, it will be seen that our young men perform double duty, as assayers and clerks; and need to be competent and reliable.

I have nothing further to say, in answer to your inquiry, except that we

cannot tell why there should be "proceeds of assay cornets accumulated in the Assayer's department" as reported from New York.

Our cornets, as you see, are needed to keep our accounts square; & there is no accumulation ~~th~~ from that source."

Very respectfully

~~your ob't servant~~

Superintendent

Hon A.R. Linderman

Director &c. &c. &c. Washington

Washington D.C.

Assayer Du Bois

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 25 1873

~~No of Papers~~

Subject,

Explaining the mode in which the Assayer settles with the Supt of M & R for assay cuts, & granulations, Gold & Silver.

Rec'd June 27/73

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't, NEW YORK. | 40 | WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't. O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, | NEW YORK.

Dated Washington DC June 25 1873

Received at 11 32 Am

To Jas Pollock

U S Mint Supt Phila Pa

When will you commence coinage of trade dollars meridan congress has restored the dollar coined prior to eighteen sixty seven (1867) not a moment to be lost in the issue of our dollars

H R Linderman

Director of the Mint

Send Govt Rate

☞ This Message just received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,

Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 25/73

When will trade
dollars be coined?
Urgent haste.

June 25/73 Answd "The
Coinage of the trade dollar
will commence about
the 6th or 10th July — sooner
if possible."
J. P. Sept

Rec'd June 25/73

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

Boston, Mass., June 26th, 1873.

Sir.

I forward to you this day by Adams Express Co. Seven Kegs Gold coin of light weight $20.000 ea $560.000. under instructions of the Secy of the Treasy.

Respectfully
T. Dawes
U.S. Asst Treas

To the
Superintendent
of the Mint
Phila. Pa.

United States Treasury, Boston,

June 26., 1873

F. Haven Jr.

Ass't Treasurer.

Sends by Express
$560,000, Light Gold
Coin, for recoinage

No. of Enclosures ——

Rec'd June 28 1873

W. A. KISSAM, Prest.
ROBERT SCHELL, Prest.
GEO. M. GROVES, Vice-Prest.
THEODORE ROGERS, Cashier.

Capital, 500,000 Dollars.

Bank of the Metropolis,

31 Union Square,

New York, June 26th 1872

Sir.

On the 2nd inst. on forwarded for Capron One thousand dollars for Coin, On the 21st inst we received Five hundred dollars, Did you remit the full amount and some other party get the five hundred through mistake, or was this five hundred dollars on account.

Respectfully,
Robt Wand,
Teller.

Jas Lovell Esq.
Supt Cont.
Phil.

Bank of Metropolis Bills $500 Shipped
June 26th 1873

New York

June 26/73

Robert Ward

Ask if $500. base coin
Shipped in only one of
order for $1000 worth

Rec June 27. 1873

cation of existing regulations, the same will be submitted for your views and recommendations in the case before any action is taken.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 26/73

Prof. Rogers' report
on assaying ingots,
will be made to the
Director, accom-
-panied by the Supt's
views.

Rec'd June 27/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 26, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

On referring to my letters to you and Prof^r Rogers in reference to the experiments at the Mint to determine certain points connected with the assaying of ingots, I find that the point as to whom he was to report the result was left obscure. Under all the circumstances, I think Prof^r Rogers had better make his report to this office.

Should he suggest any modifi-

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 26, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Penna.

Sir:

The following appointments in the Coiner's Department, submitted in your letter of the 25th instant, are hereby approved, viz:

1. Miss Emma F. Taggart, Adjuster, @ $1.75 per diem, vice Miss G. Breidenhart, resigned.
2. William McCullough, Helper, @ $2.90 per diem,
3. David Ryan, Laborer, @ $2.75 per diem, vice Andrew Rowley, promoted to Rolling-Room.
4. J. Jenkins Ross, Gatekeeper, @ $2.75 per diem, vice George W Brown, promoted.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 26/73

Approving the following
appointments in the
Coiner's Department
Miss Emma F. Taggart Adjuster.
Wm. McCullough Helper
David Ryan Laborer
J. Jenkins Ross
Gate Keeper

Recd June 27/73

OFFICE OF
BOARD OF STATE
Building Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS,
E.O. GROSVENOR,
JAMES SHEARER,
ALEX. CHAPATON.

Lansing June 27th 1873

Superintendent of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir.

Will you kindly inform me if a set of gold coins of the coinage of 1873, can be supplied from the mint, for deposit in the corner-stone of our new State Capitol, which will be laid on the 2d day of October next. Also the amount to be paid for the same in currency, and how remittance shall be made, and greatly oblige

Yours very respectfully
A.J.S. Bours
Secretary State Building Commissioners

A. L. Bours, Sec'y
State Building Comm'n
Lansing
Michigan.

Wants bids proof-
sht 9/1873, for
Comm Stairs at
State Capitol
Oct. 2, 1873.

Rec'd June 30/73

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office,
June 27th., 1873.

Sir:

In the examination of the bullion a/c of George Eyster, late Treasurer of the Mint, for the quarter ending June 30th 1872, it was found that the actual wastage of the Melter & Refiner in his operations on 3430 953 99/100 Oz. of silver bullion amounted to Oz. 7809.80=$ 9087.77
The legal allowance at 2/1000 per oz. being 6861.91=$ 7984.77
There was an excess above the legal rate Oz 947.89=$ 1.103.00

Mr. Eyster was advised that this excess would be considered as a balance of silver bullion remaining in the hands of the Melter & Refiner to be accounted for by him.

In Mr. Eyster's account for the quarter ending March 31. 1873, he reports as the result of a settlement with the

Melter & Refiner for the period from June 30th 1872 to March 31st 1873, the actual wastage on 03.4479476 46/100 Silver bullion operated upon to be "including the excess of last year's allowance ——————— 03.557628/100 = $6488.74"

It is deemed a violation of the provisions of the 23rd section of the Act of January 18th 1837 to include with the wastage allowed in settlement, the excess of wastage above the legal allowance ascertained in a prior settlement, although the aggregate actual wastage of both settlements may together be below the legal allowance.

Therefore the excess 03 947 89/100 = $1103.00 will be disallowed as a credit to the Melter & Refiner in the aforesaid account of Mr. Eyster now in process of adjustment, and the same will be regarded as a balance of Silver bullion remaining in the hands of the Melter & Refiner March 31st. 1873.

This statement is made for your information, so that you can

make your bullion report for the current quarter to accord with this view of the matter.

The only accounts affected will be those of the Melter & Refiner and Silver Profit & Loss.

Very Respectfully,

R. M. Taylor
Comptroller.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

1st Comptroller of the Treasury
(R. W. Taylor)
June 27/73

Excess of Wastage
of 947.87 lbs $103.00 cannot be allowed in the
accounts of the Late
Treas. of the Mint (Eyster)
for regular legal
allowance.

Rec'd June 28/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 27th, 1873.

Sir —

As the new Trade-dollar will soon be closely scrutinized by foreign Assayers, it is very important that its fineness average .900 — and not in any single coin fall below .899; and it should also be adjusted as closely to the standard weight as is practicable.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon James Pollock.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia. Pa.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 27/73

The Mint should
carefully maintain
the fineness, and
accurate adjustment
of the Trade dollar.

Rec'd June 30/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 27, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst and enclosed Certificate of Deposit for $350.00 on a/c of profits of the Medal Department have been received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

A. R. Linderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 27/73

C/D for $350.—
profits of Medal
Department, rec'd
and forwarded to the
Sec'y Treasury.

Rec'd June 30/73

Phila Jan 20/73.

D. Sir

Martin Ryan is the name of Mr. Dornan's man - Please get the Govt to send me the notice & blank to day

Yours truly

Leonard Myers.

Col. A. L. Snowden

Leonard Myers
to A L Snowdon.
giving name of
M Ryan &c

Recvd June 28th 1873

Phila

Instructions relative to the imposition of the parting charge at the Mint at Philadelphia and Assay office, New York.

The 25th Section of the coinage act, makes the separation of Gold and Silver when these metals exist together in the bullion, a subject of charge equal to, but not exceeding the cost of the material, labor, wastage, and use of machinery employed in the operation.

Section 20, of the same Act provides that, when Gold and Silver are combined, if either metal be in such small proportion that it cannot be separated advantageously, no allowance shall be made to the depositor for its value, but does not say that no charge shall be made for separating it.

It has been the practice at the Philadelphia Mint and Assay office, New York, to exempt bullion from the parting charge, where the net product of the operation did not exceed the expenses one dollar or more, and to make

no allowance to the depositor for the partible metal in such cases.

This rule appears to have been predicated upon the theory, that the partible bullion accruing to the Government in such cases, would compensate it for the expenses of parting.

Mixed bullion is parted for the purpose of bringing the metals respectively into condition for coinage, or conversion into fine or standard bars, and being to the advantage of the depositor, the expense of the operation is properly charged to him. But since the law allows one tenth of the alloy of gold coins to consist of Silver, and as Gold bullion cannot as a general rule, be advantageously refined above 990 thousandths, the depositor should be charged for refining upon that basis only.

The law evidently contemplates that each individual deposit of bullion shall be assessed for the operations necessary to bring it to condition for coinage or fine bars, and the parting

charge should therefore be made on all Gold bullion below 990. fine, and for refining to that degree, whether the value of the parted metal exceeds the expenses of the operation or not, the depositor to be credited with the metal parted.

The provisions of the 20th Section are to be understood as applicable to the Silver left in the bullion as a part of the alloy of Gold coins, and to small quantities of Gold or Silver contained in coins of our own Standard, or in those of other countries approximating to the U. S. Standard, and which not being necessarily & advantageously partible, is not to be allowed to the depositors, nor a subject of a charge.

This will not only be a compliance with the law, but allow and require the partible metal to be a subject of accurate account, instead of being determined by estimates, and appearing simply as a reduction of the Melter and Refiner's wastage, and which is provided for by law, and also made a subject of

charge to the depositor.

It is accordingly directed that on, and after the 1st of July 1873, the parting charge be levied on all Gold bullion below 990. thousandths fine, and the depositor credited with the parted metals. —

In the case of Silver deposits containing small proportions of Gold, no allowance will be made for the Gold, unless its value warrants the expense of parting, and when its value does not warrant the parting, no charge for that operation will be imposed.

Under this regulation, all the Gold which can be advantageously parted, will be accounted for to the depositor, and without reference to any limit of refining :- the law not providing as in the case of Gold, that a part of the Alloy of Silver coins may consist of the other precious metal.

Instructions
relative to the
parting charge at
the Phil.a Mint, and
N. Y. Assay Office.
To take Effect
July 1. 1873

Rec.d July 1. 1873

...nd the sum of Fifty Dollar... ...n expressed, or unless specially insured by them, an... ...ned in this receipt, which insu... ...ess Company. And if the same is intrusted or delivered ...y other Express Company or A... ...ized to do), such Company or person so selected shall be ...arded exclusively as the agent of the ...e... ...alone liable, and ... Express Company shall not be, in any event, responsible for the ...gligence or non-performance of any ...mpany or person, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this ...eceipt contained, shall extend to and ... the benefit of each and every Company or person to whom the Adams Express Company may intrust or deliver the above-described property for transporta... ...nd shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person. In no event shall the Adams Express Company be liable for any loss or dama... ...less the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at this office, within thirty days after this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be ...xed. All articles of Glass or contained in Glass, or any of a fragile nature, will be taken at Shipper's risk only, and the shipper agrees that the Company sh... ...ot be held responsible for any injury by breakage or otherwise, nor for damage to goods not properly packed and secured for transportation. It is further agreed, that said Company shall not, in any event, be liable for any loss, damage, or detention caused by the acts of God, Civil or Military Authority, or by Rebellion, Piracy, Insurrection, or Riot, or the dangers incident to a time of war, or by any riotous or armed assemblage. If any sum of money, besides the charge for transportation, is to be collected from the consignee on delivery of the above-described property, and the same is not paid within thirty days from the date hereof, the shipper agrees that this Company may return said property to him at the expiration of that time, subject to the conditions of this receipt, and that he will pay the charges for transportation both ways, and that the liability of this Company for such property while in its possession for the purpose of making such collection, shall be that of Warehousemen only.

For the Company, Geo C Thompson

FREIGHT, ...

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 30, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The Accounting Officers of the Treasury having declined, on legal grounds alone, to allow the excessive silver wastage of 1872 to be charged in the accounts of 1873, I have to inform you that an appropriation to cover the amount will be asked from Congress at its next session, the examinations having shown conclusively that the excessive wastage was not due to any fault of the Melter and Refiner, but to

the fact of the presence of base metals to a large extent in the bullion operated upon.

The matter will therefore be permitted to stand as at present, until Congress shall have acted upon the application of the Department.

Please furnish the Melter and Refiner with a copy of this communication.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 30/73

Congress will be
asked for an appro
to cover M. & R's
Excess of Silver
over Cost in 1872.

Rec'd Aug 1/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 28, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The enclosed instructions relative to the imposition of the parting charge will be observed at your institution on and after the 1st proximo.

Where a gold deposit has not silver enough to pay the parting charge, the balance against the depositor must be taken out of his gold.

Very respectfully,
A R Linderman
Director

Directing the Mint
(Linderman)
June 28/73

Enclosing "Instructions relative to parting charge at Phila Mint, and N. Y. Assay Office" to take effect July 1/73.

Rec'd July 1/73

Washington D.C.
June 30th 1873

Hon Sam'y Pollock

My Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing a few lines & hope it will be within your power to comply with my request. I have a sample of Ore which I send you & would like to ascertain what amount of Iron & other Metals there is in it. & My main object is to have a Certificate from the Asst. Treas. all who I show it to say it is rich. Should there be a fee required please inform me of the amount & I will remit it to you

Yours very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
D. H. Allabach Col.
Late 131st Pa. Vol

223 "B" St N.W.
Washington
D.C.

Col. P. H. Allabach
Washington D.C
June 30th 1893

Forwarding to the Mint sample of ore for examination.

Rec'd July 1, 1893

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 30, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith Draft #13778 Chillicothe National Bank for $41.00 endorsed payable to your order; also the letter accompanying the same from A C Swift.

Very respectfully,

H R Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Lindorme)

June 30/73

Bankers Endorsed
draft from Chilicothe
Nat'l Bk for $41. for
Mint Coins.

Rec'd Aug 1/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 30, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have forwarded to your address by Adams Express Company two coins and a part of a coin found by fishermen at Bergen Point, New Jersey, and will thank you to have them examined and inform me as to their nationality &c.

Very respectfully,

A. R. Linderman

Director.

Directa y. Ulto Mint
(Linderman)
June 30/73

Sends some old
Coins from Bergen
Point, N. J. for Ex-
-amination.

Rec'd Aug 1/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 30, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The appointment of Mrs C H. Lewis, as Adjuster, at a compensation of $1 75 per diem, to date from July 1. 1873, is hereby approved. The oath of office will be forwarded to this office.

Very respectfully,

H Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 30/73

Approving appt
of Mrs. E. H. Lewis
as Adjuster at $1.75
per diem, from
July 1. 1873

Recd July 1. 1873

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington
July 9/73

Respectfully refd
to the Supt of the
Mint of the U.S.
at Philadelphia.
By order:
A. Johannes.
A.D. Mint.
July 9, 1873.

Refering letter of "John
M. Leech, St. Louis
requesting Directors
last Annual Report"
to Supt of Phila Mint

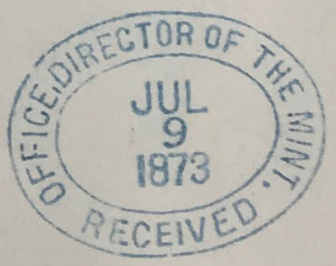
Rec'd July 10/73

L 1 O.D.M. 1873.

Saint Louis, Mo.
June 30, 1873.

John M. Leitch

Requests a copy of the last report of the Director of the Mint



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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED JUL 3 1873

St. Louis Mo.
June 30 1873

John M. Leitch

Requests a copy of
the last report
of the Director
of the Mint

Treasury Dept
July 8th 1873

Respectfully referred
to the Director of the
Mint

Chas. Conant
acting Chief Clerk

1556 Carondelet Avenue St. Louis Mo. June 30th 1873.

The Honble
The Sec^y of the Treasury
Washington D.C

Sir.

I have the honor to request the favor to send to my address as above the last report of the "Director of the Mint".

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your most obedient Servant
John McLeitch

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 30, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your last weekly statements make a very satisfactory exhibit.

Will you please state the transactions in which goed notes are received by you; also, what your first melt for trade dollars will amount to, and when you expect to make it. It is important that the demand for the same be promptly met.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 30/73

In what transactions were Gold notes received by the Mint.

Want amt of first mate for trade dollars, & when it will take place.

Rec'd July 1. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 3d, 1873.

Sir —

Your letter of the 3d instant is received, I have to thank you for the statements therein enclosed, as they furnish information valuable for reference. I am quite surprised to learn from the statements that you have less than $300,000 — Silver Bullion fund, and shall, at an early day present the facts for the consideration of the Secretary, with a view to have it properly increased.

I shall be glad if you will notify me when any portion of the Foreign Silver coins ordered to be transferred to you from the different Sub. Treasuries, are received

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

Ack'g Statement of
Bullion Fund, Cent coinage
profits, redemption to the
on May 31. 1873.

Rec'd June 5/73

L. M. Bates & Co.,

451 & 453 Broadway,

NEW YORK. June 3d 1873

Hallock Esq.

US Trust Co.

Dr Sir

We are not

yet in rec't of the

Coin ordered May 7th.

Yours resp.

L M Bates Co

Will Send to day - Sum 4th

L. M. Bates & Co
New York

Inquires after bar
coin ordered May
17. 1873

Rec'd June 4. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

June 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter in relation to the disposition of the item of excess of wastage, Melter and Refiner's Accounts, 1872, I have to state that it was immediately referred with a favorable recommendation to the Secretary of the Treasury, and by that officer to the Accounting Officers of the Treasury. Meanwhile, the mint accounts embracing the item referred to were

received

received by the Auditor, who determined to consider the question in connection with the settlement of the accounts. This will explain why the case was not decided upon as requested by you.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
June 3. 1873

Item of Excess of
Wastage - M & R's
a/c 1872 - has been re-
-fused by the Secretary &
the Accounting Officers
of the Treasury. The
1st Auditor will con-
-sidered in Connection
with the settlement of
the accounts.

Rec'd June 4/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

June 4, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I think it will be well to state in my first Annual Report the following items:

Amount of coinage charge from 1853 to April 1, 1873.

Seigniorage on Silver for same period.

Gain arising from minor coinage, from the issue of the copper nickel cent in 1857, to April 1, 1873.

It will no doubt be sufficiently accurate to estimate the first two items

items from the coinage as appears in the Annual Reports. This can be done here and thus save extra clerical work at your mint. The information in relation to the gains arising from the Minor coinage can only be obtained and prepared in tangible form by the Book keeper at your Mint.

I will therefore thank you to cause a statement to be prepared which shall exhibit the following details for each year from the issue of the copper-nickel cent to the 31st of March 1873:

Minor Coinage executed.

Expenses charged against cent coinage account.

Excess of Minor Coinage over Expenses.

Referring

Referring in connection with this subject to a suggestion made by you sometime since to the effect that the Mint at Philadelphia should be properly credited with the recoinages, I have to request that you send the necessary statement up to June 30th, 1873, in order that the same may be presented in such form as, with the other items, to show the large amount of work executed by the Mint, notwithstanding that there has been a suspension of specie payments during some thirteen years of the period covered by those reports.

It is with reluctance that I impose so large an amount of work on your office in the matter

matter of these statements and reports, but it appears to be necessary in order that we may sum up all these matters in the first Annual Report under the new law.

The statements now and heretofore requested embraces all that will be required for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
June 4/73

Want for Annual
Report, from first issue
of the Copper nickel cent.
to 31 March 1873.

1. Mint Coinage Executed.
2. Expense charged
against Cent Coinage
account.
3. Excess of mint
Coinage over Ex-
penses.

Also, Gain arising from
mint Coinage from first
issue of Copper nickel
cent in 1857 to April 1/73.

Rec'd June 5. 1873.

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

T... ... LOCKERT, Gen'l Sup't, } NEW YORK.
WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, } NEW YORK.
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. }

Dated Cashy DC June 6 1873

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

To Hon James Pollock

Supt U S mint

Phila

The specimens adopted

were sent by mail

yesterday

A R Linderman

Director mint

22 Colleet

Gertrude

J. W. DYER'S
Commission Telegraph Offices,
S.E. COR. 4th & CHESTNUT
& CONTINENTAL HOTEL.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.

(Telegram)

June 4/73

Pattern Trade
dollar selected to-
forwarded by mail
Yesterday.

Rec'd June 4/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 5th, 1873.

Sir:

The question as to whether, under the Coinage Act, the wastage may be paid from the account into which charges to depositors for parting &c. are carried, is now under consideration, and in order that the subject may be fully placed before the Comptroller, I will thank you to present a report as to the practice of the mint in accounting for the charges, wastage, and loss on sale of sweeps, and the accounts in which these items appear.

As the "wastage incurred in the silver coinage" is, by the 27th section of the Coinage Act, to be charged

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

charged to the Silver profit fund. and as it will always be difficult to estimate (for appropriations) what the wastage of the ensuing year will be, especially as it will depend greatly upon the amount of Bullion operated on, I am of opinion that much trouble will be averted if authority can be found to charge the Gold wastage to Bullion Deposit Profit and Loss account.

I construe the law as authorizing this to be done, but deem it best to take the opinion of the Comptroller before prescribing a regulation on the subject.

I am Sir. very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director the Mint
(Linderman)
June 5. 1873

Requests a report
as to the practice of the
Mint in accounting for
the charges, wastage & loss
on sale of Sweeps; & the
accounts in which
these items appear

Rec'd July 6. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 5, 1873.

Hon Wm A Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be obtained through the legation of the United States at Berlin, two (2) pieces each of the inferior, or subsidiary coins, of the German Empire, to be placed in the Cabinet of the Mint at Philadelphia and paid for out of the appropriation for "Specimens of ores and coins". The cost will not exceed three ($3.00) dollars, probably.

Very respectfully,
A. L. Linderman
Director.

17352 TREASURY DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED JUN 5 1873

Treasury Dept
June 5 '73.

A. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

Requests that there be obtained through the legation of the U.S. at Berlin, 2 pieces of certain coin named within to be placed in the Cabinet of the Mint at Philada.

A. C.

Treasy Dept.
June 10th/73.

Respectfully returned to the Director of the Mint. It is suggested that a simpler and less expensive means of obtaining these two pieces of coin would be to authorize the Superintendent at Phila. to procure them through a merchant in that city having correspondence with Berlin, The difficulty of paying for these coins or transferring the cost of them from one appropriation to another would be very great.

Very respectfully
J. A. Gardner

K/451

Yes.

Office of the Director of Mint
Washington D.C. June 13. 73.

Respectfully referred to Hon James Pollock, Supt of the Mint at Philadelphia, with instructions to make the proposed purchase in accordance with the suggestion of the Chief Clerk of the Department.

A. R. Linderman
Director.

K/462.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 5/73

Suggestions from the
Director of Mint Dec'y
with regard to procuring
2 samples each of
the new subsidiary
Coins of the German
Empire.

Rec'd June 16. 1873

CONSULATE GENERAL
OF THE
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

New York June 6th 1873

Dear Sir

A proposal having been made to the Argentine Government to furnish coins of 1 & 2 cent denominations which it was said would be coined at the Philadelphia Mint I have for object to enquire whether you are prepared to coin such tokens for individuals, and also whether you can do so for account of foreign Governments and if so the terms on

Edwd R Davies
Consul General
Argentine Republic
New York

Enquiries of the
Mint & Executive
Coinage for foreign
Govts in private
individuals

Rec'd June 7/73

Which you could coin 1 & 2 cent pieces say
10,000,000 of former and same number of latter
denomination - one side to be marked with a
1 surrounded by "Centavo Fuerte" and the reverse
"Republica Argentina" with the year under it
the 2¢ to be the same except the figure - I
should also be much indebted for your opinion
as to advisability of metal best to be employed &
what the cost of it - if d weight required, the
coins to be of same size as those of this country,
& if any book referring to this class of coin is
obtainable please advise me of title much oblige

Yours very Respectfully
Edwr. F. Davison
Consul General

Director Jas Pollock
U.S. Mint
Phila.

Insured by ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

for _____

to _____ only.

For the Company,

Insurance, $ _____

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

$ 1,000,000 New York, June 6 1873

Received from A. Pleasants & Co.

Two Keys Sealed and said to contain

Quilting Cotton Goods

Addressed

A. Smith Philadelphia Pa

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person.

For the Company

Freight, _____ _____

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer

New York, June 6th, 1873.

Sir

I have this day forwarded to you for reoniage $100,000. principally in ½ Eagles, and inclose Adams Express Co's receipt for same.

Very respectfully.

Wm Dillingham

Asst. T. U.S.

Hon. Jas Pollock.

Director Mint.

Philada - Pa.

~~Director of the Mint~~
Asst Treas. U. S.
(Hillhouse)
June 6. 1873

Sends by Express
$1,000,000. Gold
for coinage, mostly
in ½ Eagles.

Recd June 7. 1873

Draft

United States Assay Office,

New York, June 7th 1873

Hon Jas. Pollock

Supt U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I herewith enclose copy of letter from the Director, under date of 6th inst. authorizing the return for Silver Invoice #46. (Silver dollars and ½ dolls of the late issue) in dimes of the present issue for 3.493.44 Standard ounces at the rate of $1000. for 803.75 St ozs. As it is desirable to have this exchange take place during the present quarter, in order that every thing pertaining to bullion transactions prior to the coinage Oct of 1873. may be embraced in this quarters Rps. I will thank you to let this Invoice take precedence of No 39 & 43.

Very Respectfully

Thos. C. Acton

Supt

Assay Office
New York
June 7th 1873.

Thos. C. Acton
Supt

Concerning the exchanging of Silver Dollars and Half Dollars for Coin of the new issue

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Rec'd June 8/73

Copy

Treasury Department
Office of the Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C. June 6. 1873

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. I see no objection to the exchange proposed by you with respect to the coin of former issue about to be transfered to the mint at Philadelphia for re-coinage. The Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia can debit his Silver Profit and Loss account with the gain arising from the exchange with your office of subsidiary coin for Silver dollars of the old issue, and credit the same account with a loss from the exchange of subsidiary coins new issue for same of the present issue.

I am sir, very respectfully

(signed) A R Linderman
Director

Thomas C. Acton Esq
Supt U S Assay Office
New York

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

June 4, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your verbal inquiry made when I was last at the Mint, I have to inform you that the transfer of a sum not exceeding $50.000 for the purchase of metal for the minor coinage authorised by the 29th section of the Coinage Act of 1873 not being in the nature of an appropriation will not lapse at the close of the fiscal year but remain available until required for the

purpose

purpose for which this transfer is authorized.

Very respectfully,

H Rhinderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
June 4. 1873.

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for the purchase of metal
for the minor coinage
authorized by the 29 th
section of the C Act of
1873, does not lapse at
the close of the fiscal
year, but remains
available until
required.

Rec'd June 5/73

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/JUNE

MANSFIELD ENVELOPE CO.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/JUNE (CONT.)

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

June 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to the inquiry contained in the concluding paragraph of your letter of yesterday as to suppeying pattern pieces, I have to state that I approve of your suggestion as to the pattern piece adopted, that is to say, it will be placed in the regular proof set for the year.

As to the other specimen pieces of the Trade Dollar, I can see no objection to furnishing appeicants with them at say $3.00 currency

for

for each piece. They must, however, be struck in Silver, and according to standard, both as to fineness and weight. It is probable that the sale of these pieces would be sufficient to reimburse the expense of getting up the dies, and at the same time gratify the public. I have therefore no objection to having pieces struck from all the experimental dies which have been prepared for the Trade Dollar, and supplied to all persons who may apply for them; but this business must not be permitted to interfere with the regular operations of the Mint.

I have particularly to request that no specimens of any of these

dies

dies be struck in any metal or alloy other than standard silver, and that this instruction may be strictly observed my request made some time since to be furnished with impressions in copper of all new dies prepared, is withdrawn.

The rule to be observed is, that with the exception of the necessary impressions sent to this office, and such as may be proper for preservation in the Cabinet, no pieces will be struck except in the metal in which the coin is issued, and which shall be as readily obtained by the public as by officers and employés of the Government.

I

I am, very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Approved
Jas. Pocock
Supt.
July 10/73

Director of the Mint.
(Linderman)

Washington D.C.

June 3/73

Special directions
with regard to sup-
-plying pattern
pieces.

No pattern pieces
to be struck in base
metal, except the
Mint coins.

Rec'd June 4/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

June 2, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, also seven pattern pieces of the Trade dollar.

Having submitted all the specimens to the Secretary of the Treasury and taken his instructions upon the subject I have to inform you that it is decided to adopt for the Obverse and reverse of the new dollar the specimens returned herewith, and briefly described as follows:

follows:

Obverse. A female figure seated upon bales of cotton (-a sheaf of wheat in the rear, holding in her right hand, which is extended toward the open sea, an olive branch.- date of coinage,- thirteen stars surrounding figure, and the motto "in God we trust" at the base of the device.

Reverse. The figure of an eagle, and on a scroll in the open field above "E pluribus unum", and above that the inscription United States of America. Below the eagle are the inscriptions 420 grains, 900 fine and Trade Dollar, and a scroll bearing the motto "in God we trust."

11 The motto "in God we trust"

on

on the reverse will be omitted
it appearing on the obverse
which has been selected.

It is suggested that both the
motto "in God we trust" and the
inscription "Liberty" be made to
appear plainer upon the (obverse) coin
than upon the specimen.

The omission of the motto "in
God we trust" on the reverse
will require a re-arrangement
of the inscription of the weight
and fineness.

It is also suggested that the
two stars on the reverse be
omitted //

With the foregoing suggestions
as to minor details the completion
of the matter is confided to yourself

and

and your officers.

The Secretary desires the coin issued as early as possible.

It is but proper that I express my appreciation of the zeal and ability with which this work has been performed on the part of yourself and officers of the Philadelphia Mint.

Please return the specimens, after comparing the same with my suggestions as to minor details in the final preparation of the dies.

Very respectfully,

H R Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
June 2. 1873

Announcing the selection of the design for the Trade Dollar.

Rec'd June 4/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

June 20th, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt U.S. Mint, Phila. Pa.

Sir

Enclosed please find Medal Regulations, which have been revised and amended, according to the Suggestions Contained in your letter of the 19th inst.

You will please have an Exact copy made, and after receiving your signature, transmitted to this office, for my approval.

These regulations will go into effect on and after July 1. 1873.

Very respectfully

H. Linderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 20/73

Enclosing
Medal Regulations
to be copied &
signed &

Rec'd June 21/73

P.S.

The model in plaster
must be retained
for the present and
I send to you hereafter.

H R L

As soon as you can
indicate with
reasonable certainty
the time when the
Courage of the men
dollars can be
commenced please
inform me.

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

June 3, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

You are authorised to recoin the Silver coin of the old standard on hand at your Mint and constituting a part of the Bullion Fund, and charge the difference arising from the conversion of the coins of former standard, into those of the standard as prescribed in the coinage act of 1873, to the "Silver Profit Fund".

If the coins consist of Silver Dollars of the old issue to a sufficient

sufficient extent to give a profit in the recoinage, the difference will in like manner be credited to the Silver Profit Fund. /o

H. R. Linderman
Director.

D.M.S.

Approved:

Wm. A. Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Washington D.C.
June 3, 1873

Authorizing the recoinage
of the silver coin of the old
standard, part of the Bul-
lion Fund of the Mint, and
charge the difference to the
"Silver profit Fund."

Rec'd June 4/1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 8th, 1873.

Sir

I am in receipt of a circular letter from the Supt of the Census, forwarded to me from Philadelphia — from which it appears that a copy of the "Statistics of Industry and wealth of the Ninth Census of the United States" has been sent to me at Philadelphia.

Will you do me the favor to have your messenger make inquiry at Phila P.O. — or at the Mint — and if found, have the same re-directed to me at the Metropolitan Hotel. Washn D.C. by Express.

I am Sir very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

A R Linderman
Director of the Mint
June 3d 1873

In regard to copy of
Statistics of Industry &c
of the U.S.

Rec'd June 4. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 21st, 1873.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th instant, in relation to the mode of accounting for the loss on the re-coinages of the light Gold coins.

It appears from your statement that the difference between the tale and re-coinage value will be exhibited on the books of the Sub Treasuries transferring the coin.

I agree with you that this is the proper plan. My anxiety on the subject arose from the fact that I could find nothing here showing how the difference would be accounted for and I therefore feared some confusion of the bullion accounts.

Hon James Pollock, Superintendent &c. Philadelphia Pa.

I am Sir, very respectfully

W. R. Linderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 21/73

Ack's rect of
explanation & mode
of accounting for
loss on recoinage
of U. S. light coins.

Rec'd June 23/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 21, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th instant, with enclosed voucher #75, has been received, and the Accounts for Ordinary Expenses of your Mint for the month of May, 1873, will be transmitted to the Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 21/73

Voucher No. 75 has been received, & ordinary fee for May 1873, forwarded to the Auditor for settlement.

Rec'd June 23/73

Mint of the United States,

~~CHIEF~~ COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, June 21 1873.

Hon
James Pollock,
Superintendent-

Dr. Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Weekly Statement of Coinage for the week ending this date.

You will observe that although the amount coined falls $71.520 behind last week's coinage, the number of pieces coined this week amounts to 140.400 in excess of the number coined last week.

Respectfully
Yr obt Svt
A. London Snowden
Coiner

B

Coiner of the Mint
(Snowden)
June 21/73

Enclosing Statement
of Coinage for the
week ending June
21. 1873.

Rec'd June 23/73

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left hand corner should be referred to.

RS

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., June 21, 1873.

Sir:

I have this day directed the Assistant Treasurer at Chicago, Ills, to forward to you his surplus silver coin which, upon its receipt, you will please charge to the bullion fund of the Mint.

Very respectfully
Wm A. Richardson,
Secretary.

James Pollock Esq
Supt. of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

25 Bags
$6,900.

~~Asst Treas U.S. at Chicago~~
~~(Lieberman)~~
Secy Treasury
(Richardson)
June 21/73

Has directed the Asst Treas, U.S. at Chicago to transfer all his surplus Silver Coin & the bullion fund of the Mint.

Rec'd June 23/73

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RS

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., June 20, 1873.

Sir:

Yours of the 19th inst. acknowledging the receipt from the Asst Treasurer of Philadelphia of certain light coin, stating that you had recoined all the light gold in your possession from the U.S. Asst Treasurer at Newyork and that you are now ready to coin the gold bars from the Newyork Assay office is at hand. I have requested the Assistant Treasurer at Newyork to send you the bars as soon and as fast as they are returned to him by the Assay office. I have also telegraphed the Assistant Treasurer at Boston to forward to you for recoinage all

J. Pollock Esq
Supt. of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia. Pa

light coin in his office. Upon the receipt by you of this coin I desire it, take precedence to the bars to be sent you from Newyork and its proceeds to be returned to Boston.

Very respectfully
Wm A. Richardson.
Secretary

Sec'y Treasury
(Richardson)

June 20/73

Light Coin bars from the N. Y. assay Office, and all the light Gold Coin from the Asst Treas. at Boston Mass. have been ordered to the Mint to be Coined. the Boston Coins to take precedence of the N Y. bars.

Rec'd June 21/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 20th, 1873.

Sir —

I have your letter of the 18th inst. in reference to proposed coinage.

In the present condition of the foreign exchange market, there is not much demand for bullion for export either to London or China, and there will no doubt soon be an increase in the Gold deposits. I have explained this to the Secretary of the Treasury, and also that there will be a considerable demand for the new Trade-dollar, — also that $3,000,000 per month re-coinage, will be sufficient for the requirements of the Treasury. — that you can do this work and

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

and at the same time meet the demands of depositors.

The Secretary approves these views and suggestions, and you will be guided by them after the 1st proximo.

During the month of July, and until further instructed, you may therefore aim to coin in Double Eagles (re-coinage) say,- $3,000,000

Double Eagles (for depositors) $ 500,000

Trade-dollars $ 250,000

Subsidiary Silver $ 50,000

Minor Coinage $ 25,000

Should circumstances at any time be such as to render a variation from these figures necessary, you will so report to this office with your suggestions in the case.

It is proper that I should add, that no pressure for coinage is to be understood as authorizing in the least degree any relaxation of the regulations designed to insure the proper execution of every

process connected with coinage manipulations, and for which the necessary time must be given, especially in the adjustment of the standard fineness and weight.

I am Sir, very respectfully

A. B. Lindeman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 20/73

Prescribing the
Amt of Monthly
Coinage for July,
and until further
orders.

Rec'd June 21/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 20th, 1873.

Sir:

Coins to be taken from certain deliveries at the San Francisco Mint, have been directed to be forwarded to you, subject to my instructions.

When received, please cause them to be assayed, and the results reported to me in each case.

It is my intention to continue these tests throughout the year, and, if in your opinion, the additional duty thereby imposed on the Assayer will render it necessary to give him another employé, you will be governed accordingly.

I have fixed one coin from the first deliveries of

Hon James Pollock,

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia Pa.

Gold and Silver respectively, on each month, at Carson and San Francisco, as being sufficient for a proper test, and you will observe this rule as your Mint, - reporting the results of the Assays in all cases, in order that I may be advised of the same, and a record thereof, kept in this office.

I am Sir, very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 20/73

1 gold & 1 silver
Coin, from the 1st
delivery in each
Month at Carson &
San Francisco Mints
to be forwarded to
the Phila ~~Mint~~ Mint
for special assay and
report. The same
rule to be observed
at the Phila Mint.

Recd June 21/73

Circular

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 19, 1873.

Sir:

In addition to the statements and reports requested to be sent to this office, you will please forward a statement of the operations and earnings of your institution from all sources, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1873, as soon after the close of the quarter as it can be prepared.

A similar statement will be rendered at the close of each quarter thereafter.

Very respectfully,

A. Loudenslager

Director.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 20/73

Requesting
the operations and
earnings of the Mint
for the quarter ending
June 30. 1873, &
every quarter thereafter.

Rec'd June 21/73

Circular.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 19, 1873.

Sir:

You will please present as soon after the close of the current fiscal year as may be convenient, an estimate of the appropriations required for the support of your institution for the fiscal year 1874-75.

If you find it necessary to estimate for an increased appropriation, the reasons for such increase will be stated. Under the head of Incidental and Contingent Expenses you will omit the item "wastage," hitherto embraced in the estimates, and not include loss on sale

of

of sweeps.

Very respectfully,
A. Lindeman
Director.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

P.S. Please acknowledge receipt.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 19/73

Circular in-
structions for
preparing Estimates
for the Fiscal year
1874-75.

Rec June 21/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 19, 1872.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Section 40 of the Coinage Act after providing for the taking of pieces for the annual assay authorizes other pieces to be taken at anytime for such tests as the Director of the Mint shall prescribe.

You will please take one double Eagle from each of the next five deliveries, cause them to be assayed and the result in each case reported to me. You will also take a half dollar piece from

from the next two deliveries, cause them to be assayed and the result reported as in the case of the double eagles. These pieces are independent of and have nothing to do with the regular assay pieces, but may be treated the same as assay pieces in your accounts.

Very respectfully,

H R Linderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 19/73

Requests that 1
Double Eagle from each
of the next 5 deliveries, &
1 Half Dollar from each
next 2 deliveries, be
assayed & the result
reported. This in-
dependent of the
Coins reserved for
the annual assay.

Rec'd June 20/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 19, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In making your monthly requisitions on the appropriations for the next fiscal year, you will not be confined, so far as incidental expenses are concerned, to the one twelfth of the appropriation, but may draw for such an amount as you may estimate to be necessary in any one month, and stating that you do so in the letter covering the requisition.

Very respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 19/73

Monthly requisitions
for funds must be
for 1/12th of annual ap-
-propriation for salaries
and wages; but inci-
-dentals may be for
whatever amount
may be required
for each month

Rec'd June 20/73

OFFICE OF
BOARD OF STATE
Building Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS,
E.O. GROSVENOR,
JAMES SHEARER,
ALEX. CHAPATON.

Lansing June 18th 1873.

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir:

Please inform me if you can supply the Capitol Corner Stone Committee with a set of Gold, Silver, Nickel and Copper Coins of the Coinage of 1873, to be deposited in the Corner Stone of our new State Capitol — (The stone is to be laid on Oct 2d next) Also cost of said Coins in Currency.

Gov Bagley, Hon E. O. Grosvenor and myself constitute a committee to procure the necessary articles to be deposited in the box The Governor said he would write to you in relation to cancelled copies of the various denominations of currency and Gov't Bonds, and I doubt not has done so.

Very Respectfully Yours
Allen B. Pond
Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED JUN 21 1873

Lansing Mich
June 1873

Allen L. Bours

For set of Coins to be placed in corner-stone of new State Capitol.

Treasury Dept.
June 21st 1873.

Respectfully referred to the Director of the Mint. and the order be advised.

J. H. Clarke
Chief Clerk

K/48B

Office of the Director of the Mint
June 24. 1873.

Respectfully referred to the Supt of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Mr Bours has been informed that the coins will be furnished him by you, and to write to you upon the subject.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Read T. D. M. June 23. 1873.

JOINT RESOLUTION

To appropriate a sum of money and provide for the laying of the corner-stone of the new State Capitol.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, *That the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint ten suitable persons, citizens of this State, who, in connection with the members of the Board of State Building Commissioners, shall constitute a Committee of Arrangements, whose duty shall be to provide for the appropriate arrangements for a public celebration, upon the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the new Capitol building. The said Committee may issue invitations to the various military organizations, orders, societies, and associations within this State, members of past and present Legislatures, past and present State Officers, Judges, members of State Boards, officers of Institutions, United States Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, and to such other organizations and persons as they may deem proper, to take part in said celebration. They shall appoint on orator for the occasion, who shall be a citizen of this State, and shall be invited in the name of the Legislature of the State of Michigan. They shall also appoint such marshals, officers, and sub-committees as in their opinion shall be necessary.*

The Board of State Building Commissioners shall procure a suitable corner-stone, and cause to be carved thereon the following inscriptions, to wit: upon the east face of said stone the letters and figures following: "A. D. 1872" (the same being the year in which work was commenced upon the Capitol Building), and upon the north face of said stone the letters "A. D." and the year in which the building shall be completed—the figures of said year to remain unfinished until the completion of the building.

The Governor shall be, ex-officio, the chairman of said Committee, and the members thereof shall elect one of their number Vice President, whose duty it shall be to preside over their meetings, in the absence of the Governor. The Secretary of the State Building Commissioners shall be the Secretary of said Committee, and shall record the proceedings of all meetings, which, when duly approved, shall be entered upon the records of the Board of State Building Commissioners; he shall also conduct the correspondence of the Committee, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by said Committee.

The Committee shall hold their meetings, at the call of the Governor, at the office of the State Building Commissioners, or at such other place or places as they may agree upon by resolution; and at all their meetings, five of their number shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Committee shall determine what articles and mementoes shall be deposited in the corner-stone, and are authorized hereby to procure the same; they shall also cause the proceedings upon

the occasion of laying said corner-stone to be compiled, and such number thereof as they may deem proper, to be printed and bound.

Each of the members of said Committee, and likewise the Governor and Secretary, shall be entitled to receive his actual traveling expenses in attending the meetings of said Committee, or in the discharge of any duty which may be assigned him by the said Committee.

The sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the general fund in the State Treasury, which shall be in full payment for the said corner-stone and the transportation thereof, and for all other expenditures provided in this Resolution, or incident to the laying of said corner-stone.

For all expenditures under this Resolution, an account shall be presented to the Committee, and if a majority of all the members present at a regular meeting shall vote to allow the same, the fact shall be so certified thereon by the Vice President and Secretary, and the account shall be then presented to the Governor for his approval; when so certified and approved, the account shall be presented to the Auditor General, who shall issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer therefor.

This Resolution shall take immediate effect.

Approved April 24th, 1873.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., in relation to the melting of gold coin for recoinage, I hasten to state that it is not contemplated to change the existing mode of converting coins directly into ingots.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 17, 1873

In according light
sold for the Treaty
it is not contemplated
to change the existing
mode of converting coins
directly into bullion.

Rec'd June 18/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 18, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition dated the 14th instant for $2.000, on account of appropriation approved June 10th 1872 for "Loss and Expense of recoinage" &c. has been received, approved and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
H R Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint.
(Linderman)
June 18/73

Supt's requisition
for $2,000. in ℄c of
appn for "Loss and
Expenses in record-
-ing U.S. light &c
Dues, has been
recd & forwarded
to the Sec'y Treas'y

Rec'd June 19/73

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 18th 1873

Hon James Pollock

Sir.

In reply to your order for a descriptive list of the pattern dies, made for the trade dollar, I beg leave to submit the following.

No 1. 1872. Obverse, engraved from a Model made by the late Mr Longacre. is a Figure of liberty, seated on a rock, one hand resting on a globe having a scroll running across, inscribed "Liberty." the other hand supporting the liberty pole and Cap. on the back of the figure is the national Standard with Stars &c. the 13 Stars surround the whole, with date 1872.

Reverse, is a laurel wreath tied with a scroll having the motto. "GOD our trust." within the wreath are the words, "commercial dollar. 420 Grs. 900 fine." and crossed cornucopias filling an intermediate space.

No 1. 1873. Obverse, Is a figure of liberty in action being similar, to the one described, that is she bears the

Liberty pole and cap in one hand, while the other rests on the globe, but the position is altered, and the emblems of commerce are inserted in the accessories of plough, wheat, and bales of goods. The thirteen Stars surround and the date 1873 underneath

Reverse, Is an Eagle supporting the American Shield with a Scroll running across, inscribed "In God we trust," and having United States of America and trade dollar surrounding, with E pluribus Unum, and 420 grains 900 fine all in the field.

No 2. 1873. Obverse, Has the same general design, as regards the figure, but the accessories of Plough, Wheat and bales of goods, are all differently arranged, for reasons connected with increasing facilities in the manufacture of coin.

Reverse, Has also an Eagle supporting American Shield with Scroll containing motto., In God we trust,, but the motto "E pluribus Unum,, is contained in a scroll held in the beak of the Eagle, while the United States of America and trade dollar, with the word 420 grains 900 fine, are all in the plain field.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 187

No. of Papers,

Subject,

No 3, 1873. Obverse. Has a female figure seated on a rock wearing the Mexican head dress of feathers, one hand on the globe inscribed liberty and the other supporting the pole and cap of liberty. at the back of the figure is a rock and the national flags with stars &c. the 13 stars surround the whole and the date 1873 at the bottom, Reverse, is an Eagle simply holding ~~[illegible]~~ the branch of laurel, and arrows in the claws. with the motto E. pluribus unum in a scroll over the head of the bird and underneath is a second scroll containing the motto "In GOD we trust" the words united States of America, trade dollar, and 420 grains 900 fine are in the plain field.

No 2, 1873. Obverse. Has a female head with the word liberty inscribed on the tiara. with the 13 stars and the date surrounding.

Reverse. Is a wreath with a ribbon containing the words. "in GOD we trust" - outside the wreath the words United States of America. inside, the words trade dollar 420 grains. 900 fine.

No 5 1873 Obverse. Is a female figure seated on bales of merchandise, extending an olive branch towards the open sea, in the left hand is a scroll inscribed liberty, and at the base of the device is the motto. "In GOD we trust." at the back of the figure, is resting a sheaf of wheat, the whole surmounted with 13 Stars and date, in the field.

Rerverse. An eagle with branch and arrows in the claws, and the scroll bearing the motto. "E pluribus unum" in the beak, the words United States of America and trade dollar, surrounding, and 420 grains 900 fine in the field.

No 6 1873 Obverse. Is from designs by Mr Bailey, the figure is in action, the same as described in Nos 1 and 2. 1873 having one hand resting on the globe, and the other supporting the pole and cap of liberty, in the position, the feet are crossed, and the accessories of wheat, bales of cotton &c are differently arranged, the 13 Stars surround as usual, with the date underneath

Reverse, Has a side view of an eagle, and the words united States of America, and trade dollar surrounding with "In GOD we trust" in a scroll, and "E pluribus unum"

and weight and fineness, in the field
No. 7. 1873. Obverse, which is the one adopted and now preparing for daily use, has the same figure and design described as No 5 with the exception that the words "Liberty" and "In God we trust" will be in larger letters consequently more legible,

Reverse, — Is an eagle simply bearing the branch and arrows in her claws, over the head is the motto "E pluribus unum" in a scrole, while under the bird are the words "420 grains 900 fine" the whole encircled by the words, "United States of America" "trade dollar,"

Very Respectfully Yours.
Wm Barber.
Engraver

Engraver, U.S. Mint
(Barber)
June 18/73

Descriptive List
of pattern dies
for Trade Dollars.

Rec'd June 19/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

It is desirable that the Regulations for the manufacture of medals, &c, should take effect on the 1st proximo. Please give the subject early attention.

Very respectfully,

H Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 17/73

Regulations for
the manufacture
and sale of Medals
Should take Effect
on the 1st of July
1873.

Rec'd June 18/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the memoranda and sketch referred to in my communication of the 14th inst.

Very respectfully,
J R Snowden
Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 17. 1873

'Enclosing memorandum & sketch of the interior of the Royal Mint at Melbourne, showing improvements in the use of the Chlorine process for refining gold.

[Placed in the possession of Prof. Booth M. & R. June 18. 1873.]

[June 18/73 - 3 P.M. Returned & filed herein]

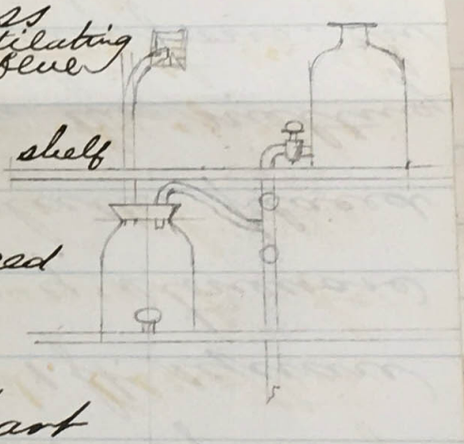
Rec'd June 18. /73

Mem. The refining of the gold received for coinage at the Melbourne Mint since its opening in June 1872 has been effected by means of chlorine gas in the manner described in the paper on the subject by F. Bourgeois Miller in the Chemical News Vol. 21 page 229. 1870. but a few minor improvements have been introduced as follows.

The refinage plant consists of 10 melting furnaces A (each 1 ft. square and 19½ inches deep) and 9 stoneware chlorine generators M. the latter placed in a separate room adjoining the melting house and easily accessible therefrom. In order that the refiner may at all times know the condition of his generators, a pressure gauge H is connected with the lead pipe (C) which conveys the chlorine to the furnaces. It stands in a corner of the melting house visible from all points, and consists of a glass bottle containing some dark colored liquid, such as chloride of manganese, and furnished with a glass tube open at each end, 11 ft. long passing through an india rubber stopper and dipping at bottom into the dark colored liquid. The pressure at command is indicated by the rise or fall of the

liquid in the tube.

The above number of furnaces and generators will enable the department to refine and return from 8000 to 10000 oz. of gold daily. An improvement in the arrangement for supplying the hydrochloric acid to the chlorine generators and for removing the waste chloride of manganese has been introduced. Formerly the acid required in the preperation of the chlorine was poured by hand through a small funnel down the safety tube into the generators which contained the oxide of manganese. In the arrangement now adapted two five gallon glass bottles a. b. each furnished at bottom with a York Comp^{y} registered glass tap are placed on shelves one immediately over the other at the upper part of the safety tube of each generator. The bottle a on the upper shelf contains the hydrochlorine acid intended for the preperation of the chlorine and the glass stop cock at its bottom is connected with the safety tube of the generator beneath by a piece of vulcanized tubing: on turning the tap c the acid runs down into the generator as required. The lower or waste bottle



b. is by means of a branch glass tube leading into its mouth also connected with the safety tube of the generator beneath it so that at the close of the operation the waste liquor can be forced upwards into it. A light gallery & stairs at one end of the chlorine room give access to the upper part of the apparatus. This arrangement is found to save much time and is more neat & cleanly than that formerly adopted. Another improvement is an arrangement for carrying off the fumes arising at the time of pouring off the chloride of silver from the refined gold. It consists in the adoption of a hood K similar in shape to those employed as wind-sails for ventilating the engine rooms in steam ships. This is placed at one end of and partially extending over the cast iron table L and is connected by a downward flue with the main furnace chimney shaft. (For all these matters see photog herewith) At the time the method of refining by chlorine was first introduced it was supposed that it was essential to employ clay crucibles in the operation and that plumbago pots would not answer owing as it

was believed to the reducing action exerted on the chlorides by the gases evolved from the material of which such crucibles are composed recent experience however leads to the conclusion that the retarding action exerted by the black lead ~~pot~~ pot arises from the formation during the operation of silicon at the expense of the gas employed and the carbon and silica of the crucible. In operating on small experimental quantities (where there was a large surface of crucible to a small quantity of gold) this was sufficient to prevent the formation of any chloride of silver and hence the conclusion that plumbago pots could be used for the purpose. It appears however that when large quantities are treated 500 to 800 oz. the formation of metallic chlorides is retarded but not prevented. When the alloy operated on contains much silver say 25 to 40 per cent the chlorine at once combines with the latter only slightly attacking the crucible. In such cases a preliminary refining in large block lead crucibles is advantageous followed by a finishing refinage in white French pots. It is found that

Communicating by V.T. tube
with lead chlorine pipe C,C.

N,N. Water baths for warming ditto
heated by steam pipe from
engine boiler.

O,O. Safety tube serving also as a
supply pipe through which
Hydrochloric acid may be in-
troduced into generators

P P Glass bottles containing H. Cl.
furnished at bottom with glass
stop cock and communicating by
V.T. tube with the top of the
safety tube O.O.

Q,Q,Q Glass bottles for receiving the waste
Chloride of Manganese Communicating
with the safety tube O,O, by means
of a glass branch and a vulcanized
tube delivering into the top of the
bottle. This bottle is closed at
top by a stopper through which
two short tubes pass, one, the
duct for waste Chloride of Manganese
communicating as above with
the safety tube O.O. and the other
leading to a flue in the wall
by the vulcanized tubes g g g to
remove offensive gas.

R. Cooling Tank.

S Salt batts for quenching the refined gold lump (if any chloride adheres to it) previous to remelting for casting into fine gold ingots.

T.T.T. " Ventilating flue from chlorine room to main chimney.

plumbago crucibles may with advantage be substituted for the braced French pots in the operation of separating the gold by fusion from the argentic chloride. A further improvement in this latter operation has been effected It was formerly the practice in order to free the argentic chloride from combined gold to melt it with the addition of from 5 to 10 per cent of metallic silver the chloride of gold was thus reduced at the expense of the silver added, chloride of silver being found while the liberated gold sank and melted into a button at the bottom of the crucible. It has been found that the addition of 3 per cent of metallic zinc to the fused chloride effects the same object without incurring the necessity of converting a large amount of silver into chloride and back again into metallic silver. When this plan is adapted however it is necessary to pour the melted chloride from the crucible into moulds in front of a flue with a sharp draught in order to carry away the dense zinc fumes which would otherwise be diffused through the air of the Melting House.

Explanation of Photograph.

A,A,A, The refining furnaces

B,B,B, Covers to ditto consisting of three iron bound tiles the centre one perforated for pipe.

C,C,C, Lead pipe conveying chlorine from generators M.

D,D,D, Spare ditto.

E,E,E, Branch lead pipes leading from C, C, to furnaces (fastened to CC with lead joints not solder)

F,F, Vulcanized rubber tubes connecting lead pipe with G,G,.

G,G, Pipe clay chlorine pipes descending into crucible containing the gold to be refined.

H,H, Guage showing pressure of chlorine in apparatus.

I,I,I Flume boxes (connected by damper with main flue) for reception of fuming crucibles

J,J,J, Fire bars & ash pit.

K,K, Floods with descending flue

L,L, Cast iron tables on which the chlorides are poured into moulds.

M,M,M, Show where chlorine generators with glass eduction stop cocks

Refining plant
Melbourne Mint



Mint of the United States,

~~CHIEF~~ COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, June 14th 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Dear Sir;

In compliance with your verbal request I have the honor to transmit herewith a Statement of the Coinage for the week ending June 14th 1873.

I have the honor to remain
Respectfully Yours
Loudon Snowden
Coiner.

A. Louden Snowden
Comier
June 17/73

Enclosing Statement
of Coinage for the
Week Ending
June 14. 1873.

Rec'd June 17/73

Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, June 17th 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your verbal interrogatories communicated to me today by your Chief Clerk, I have the honor to state, that it is difficult to give a close estimate of the amount of coinage that could be executed within a given period, in this department as at present organized, as the capacity of its several branches are not uniform. The Coining Room is largely in excess in its capacity of any other, and the Annealing Furnaces unequal in capacity to the other branches.

To devote the whole capacity of the department to any one branch of coinage - say to the manufacture of gold coin - would be an economy of time and give increased results - Where you vary the work from gold to silver and base coin, it is easy to see that there would be a loss of time occasioned by the

change - Still I think it safe to say that we could return in one month, say,

$4.000.000 in Double Eagles
$100.000 " Trade Dollars
From 25 to $30.000 " Subsidiary Silver Coin, and
$20.000 " Base Coin.

If the Silver and base coin is interdicted the gold coinage could be brought up to five or six millions, or perhaps more.

This result depends however upon circumstances beyond my control. If the Melter and Refiner will deliver me gold bullion in no less lots than say 50,000 ounces, and Dollar Diegots in workings of no less than say 30,000 ounces, as rapidly as I can work them, the above results can be accomplished, and perhaps more.

But if deliveries are made to me in small detached workings - the loss of time occasioned thereby, would absolutely prevent any such results.

As the delivery of bullion to me in the quantities indicated is within your control, I submit that the whole question will reside with you.

I have the honor to remain

Very Truly Yours

London Borrows

Comer.

Coinage U.S. Mint
(Snowden)
June 17/73

Report on the
Probable Coinage
Capacity of the
Mint, per month,
under the amount
demanded by the
Secretary of the
Treasury for Double
Eagles and Trade Dollars.

Rec'd June 18/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In view of the requirements of the Treasury and to enable me to promptly answer inquiries by the Secretary, it is necessary that this office should be informed weekly of the coinage executed: also, of the amount of different coins on hand at the close of each week. You will, therefore, please prepare and transmit a statement presenting the above information up to and including Saturday

Saturday last, the 14th instant, and a similar statement will be made weekly hereafter.

If possible the statement should be forwarded at the close of business on each Saturday.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 17/73

Weekly reports
of Coinage required,
hereafter, promptly.

Rec June 18/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please furnish me with a descriptive list of the pattern dies made for the trade-dollar, including the one prepared toward the latter part of 1872.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 17, 1873

Wants descriptive
list & pattern dies made
for the Trade Dollar,
including the one pre-
-pared in 1872.

Rec'd June 18/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 16, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 14th inst, and accompanying Certificates of Deposit for $220.00 coin and $218.67 currency, to close "Medal Fund Account" as late Director, and to state that the letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Certificates have been forwarded.

Very respectfully,

A Loudenslager
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 16/73

Letter & Certificate of
deposit $220. Coin
& $218.67 currency to
close Medal Ac. & late
Director - Rec'd & for-
-warded to the Sec'y

Rec'd June 17/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 16th, 1873.

Sir

I can find nothing in the correspondence with the Mint, as to where the difference between the nominal and intrinsic value of the light gold coins sent to the mint for re-coinage will appear and be accounted for.

An account showing the deficit should be stated at the close of the fiscal year, in order that there may be a proper transfer from the appropriation to cover the loss of re-coinage.

It appears to be understood here that the coins are regarded as a temporary increase of the Bullion Fund

of

Hon James Pollock.

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia Pa.

of the Mint – if so, the loss will appear in that account.

Your Explanation will no doubt furnish the necessary information to enable the proper officers to make a requisition upon the re-coinage appropriation

I am Sir, very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 16/73

There should be
an a/c stated at the
close of the fiscal
year of the loss in
recoinage of light
gold to the Treasy

Rec'd June 17/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 16, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to state that voucher No 1505, referred to in my letter of the 13th inst, was not received with the accounts. The amount of the difference is $18.82 which the abstract shows to be in your name and on account of petty bills.

Please forward duplicates.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

I may be mistaken about this L.

Directs of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 16/73

Missing Vouchers
No. 75 a, is for $18.82
in Supt's name, to
petty bill.

Rec'd June 17/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter dated the 16th inst and accompanying Memorandum and certificate of deposit for $691.41 on account of "profits on certain silver dollars &c" have been received, and in accordance with your request forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 17/73

Letter & S/D for
$691.41 profits on
Recoinage of U.S.
& Mex. Silver Dolls
for the Silver Bullion
Fund, have been
Rec'd & referred to
the Sec'y's Asst'y

Rec'd June 18/73

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

16th June 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U.S.M. at Phila

Dear Sir.,

In response to your query as to our capacity for storing Standard gold bars from Coin, I state that, since the Coin has to be melted by the Treasurer (Supt.) i.e. in the Deposit Melting Room, before its value can be ascertained, ~~that~~ we cast it into Ingots ready for the Coiner expecting them to assay about 900, so as to avoid the cost of a remelt, of such work we can only melt a half million dollars worth per day during three days of the week at the utmost, because all the silver melting & residue of gold melting of deposits must be executed in the deposit melting room.

Our utmost capacity, therefore, for melting the Gold coin in question, is about 1½ million dollars per week.

With the active Silver business which we have had latterly, I could not store more than $3 millions in my only vault.

Very truly yours

J. H. Booth

Melter & Refiner

From Prof Booth
M. & R. Stating Amt.
of Gold Coin he could
Melt daily & reply
to Ducetas letter of the 13th
inst (June)

Rec'd June 16/73

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left hand corner should be referred to.

RR

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., June 16, 1873

Sir:

I have this day directed the U.S. Asst Treasurer Newyork to discontinue for the present the transfer to you of light coin for recoinage and have instructed the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia to turn over to you for recoinage all light coin in his office. It is my desire that as far as possible the whole capacity of the mint shall be employed during the balance of the present month in the recoinage of light gold coin. You will please keep the coin turned over to you by the U.S. Asst Treasurer Philadelphia separate from that heretofore turned over to you by the

Assistant

Assistant Treasurer Newyork, completing the recoinage and the return to the Asst Treasurer Newyork of the proceeds of the latter before commencing the recoinage of the former: the light coin recoined for the Asst Treasurer Phila to be returned to him in the same manner as that heretofore sent you by the Asst Treasurer Newyork was returned to him.

The reason for my desiring the accounts of the coin of the different offices to be kept separate is to enable you at the close of the present fiscal year to render me accurate statements as to the amount of coin forwarded to you from each, the amount returned, and the loss in recoinage.

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Richardson.

Secretary

Hon Jos. Pollock

Supt U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

Sec'y Treasury
(Richardson)
June 16/73
(No. 1.)

Asst Treas. U. S. at N. Y.
will discontinue for the
present, sending light gold to
the Mint for recoinage.

Asst Treas. at Phila will
turn over all his light gold
to the Mint for recoinage.

The whole capacity of the
Mint to be given during the rest
of this month to the recoinage
of light gold.

N. Y. & Phila gold to be
kept separate & the latter
not touched, unless the former
is not of the way.

Accurate statements of
this recoinage to be fur-
nished at the close of the
present fiscal year

Rec'd June 17/73

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left hand corner should be referred to.

RS

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., June 16, 1873.

Sir!

Respectfully referring to my letter of this date relative to the recoinage of light coins, you are advised that I have directed the balance of the light coin in the office of the U.S. Asst Treasurer Newyork, (some (10) ten millions dollars) to be turned over to the U.S. Assay offices in same city to be melted into bars. This is done to make the appropriation of $150.000. for the recoinage of gold coin and which lapses at the close of this month available to pay the loss on the recoinage of said amount, it having been decided by the Comptroller of the Treasury, that said appropriation is available for all gold

Coins

coins in process of recoining before the close of the present fiscal year.

As soon as the light coins in the office of the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia shall have been received, of which you will please notify me, it is my purpose to direct these bars to be forwarded to you for recoinage.

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Richardson.

Secretary

Hon

Jos. Pollock

Supt. of the U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

Sec'y Treasury
(Richardson)
June 16/73

(No. 2.)

Bal. of light gold Coin in
N.Y. Sub Treasury ($10,000,000)
will be turned over to the N.Y.
Assay Office to be melted into
bars. This to save the Appn of
$150,000. for recoinage, which
the Comptroller of the Treasury
has decided is applicable
to all light Coins in process
of recoinage.
As soon as the light Coins
from Asst Treas. at Phila have
been rec'd at the Mint, the above
N.Y. bars will be furnished
to the Mint for recoinage.

Rec'd June 17/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 16, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

It has been determined by the Department to convert into bars during the present month the light gold coins in the sub-Treasuries at New-York and Philadelphia. Instructions to that effect will be sent to day by the Secretary.

You are instructed to make provision for coining Double-Eagles to your full capacity for the next three months, intermitting to the extent necessary the subsidiary

Silver

silver and minor coinage. It is supposed that you can at the same time coin an amount of trade dollars sufficient to meet the requirements of the public. You will please inform me of the amount of Double Eagles and Trade Dollars you can coin per month with your present force, without over time.

The light coins in the Sub Treasury at New York will be converted into bars at the Assay office, and those in the Sub Treasury at Philadelphia will be melted at the Mint.

When your reply is received instructions will be sent the Assay Office as to the transfer of the bars to the Mint for coinage.

Yr

If a moderate amount of subsidiary silver and minor coins can be manufactured at the same time it will be desirable to make them.

You will submit your views as to the probable monthly coinage under these instructions, of Double Eagles, Trade Dollars, Subsidiary silver and minor coins. We can then better judge of the necessity for later time, for which I think we can provide out of the recoinage appropriation, as it will be applicable for expenses of coining for so much as is melted down before the 1st proximo preparatory for coinage.

If possible let me have

Your

your reply by return mail as the time in which to make the necessary arrangements is quite limited.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 16/73

Refers to the Secretary's instructions of this date for receipt of Gold from N.Y. & Phila.

The Mint must Coin Double Eagles to its full capacity during next 3 mos.

How many Double Eagles and Trade Dollars can be coined, per month, with present force, without over time?

What will be the probable monthly coinage under all Kinds under these instructions.

Rec'd June 17/73

Melbourne

16th June. 1853.

Sir.

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have handed to Mr. Thomas Adamson Jun. the Consul in Melbourne for the United States of America to be forwarded to you a box containing some descriptions and illustrations of certain improvements in Assaying which have been introduced into this Mint by the Assayers of the Department, and which are working very satisfactorily; and I hope that you may find them of interest.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Deputy Master

The Hon. James Pollock

Director of the Mint of the United States

Philadelphia.

Col. E. W. Ward R.E.
Deputy Master Royal Mint
Melbourne
Australia
June 16. 1873

Forwards Stamp for the
U.S. Cabinet, a box
Containing dry dies &
and Illustrations of the
Chemical processes
in use at that Mint.

Rec Augt 26/73.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 16, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst, and the enclosed Accounts for the Sale and Manufacture of Medals, as the late Director of the US Mint, to close account to March 31st, 1873, have been received and referred to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very respectfully,

H R Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 16. 1873

Medal Ys for quarter
Ending March 31/73 has
been rec'd & refund to
Auditor, & close Ys a
Cash Director.

Rec'd June 17/73

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

16 June 187 3

Hon. James Pollock

Supt^dt U.S. Mint, at Phil^a

Dear Sir,

In reply to the Director's letter of the 14th Inst., I would state that, the very same day that we rec^d the Director's Instructions to proceed with the Chlorine proces, I wrote to Mess. I.P. Morris & Co. to order the Iron castings for a Melting furnace for that proces, - that after waiting for 2 or 3 weeks, I wrote again to them, - & that I was obliged to write a third time about 2 weeks since, - & that the castings were at length rec^d on Saturday (14th Inst) I think I shall be able to put the proces into operation within a couple of weeks.

(over)

A memorandum & sketch, alluded to by the Director, should be kept in the possession of the Mint, & if any other than the Supt^t is to have charge of it, it should certainly be the Melter & Refiner.

Respectfully yours
J^s C. Booth
Melter & Refiner

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 14th, 1873.

Sir:

I have received a memorandum and sketch of the interior of the Melbourne Mint, and showing the latest improvements in the Miller Refining Process. I suppose that similar papers have been received by you. if not I will transmit those in my hands to you. for your information in connection with the erection of apparatus for the use of the same process at the Philadelphia mint.

Please inform me what progress is being made to carry into effect the instructions of this office relation to the use of that process. by you.

Yrs

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent &c

Philadelphia Pa.

The charges for refining having been predicated upon the use of that process. no time should be lost in commencing its use.

I am Sir. very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 14. 1873

Has rec'd a mem. &
sketch of the interior
of the Melbourne Mint
showing the latest im-
provements in the
Chlorine process, &
will forward the same
to the Mint, if desired.
Wants to know
when the Chlorine
process will be ready
for use at the Mint.

[Prof. Booth's reply
filed herewith.]

Rec'd June 16. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 14, 1873.

Sir:

Section 27 of the Coinage Act requires the "Silver Profit Fund" to be charged with the wastage incurred in the silver coinage, and in the absence of any express provision of law in relation to the gold wastage the same principle will be adopted in accounting for the latter; also for the loss on sale of sweeps— that is to say, the accounts into which the deduction or charges for refining and parting are carried shall be charged with the gold wastage and loss on sale of sweeps, the proper distinction

between the two metals to be carefully observed.

In the case of gain by the Melter & Refiner in his operations, the amount of the gain or surplus returned by him shall be debited by the Superintendent in his "Profit & Loss Account"; and at the Assay offices where there are no refining and coining operations, gains arising from residium fluxes and sweeps will in like manner be debited by the Assayer in his "Profit and Loss Account."

Very respectfully,
A. L. Linderman
Director.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Directs of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 14/73

Prescribing
mode of settling
a/c's of Gold and
Silver Wastage,
and loss in
Sweeps.

Rec'd June 16/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 14th, 1873.

Sir:

The recommendation contained in your letters of the 25th and 29th of April ultimo. in favor of increasing the salaries of the clerks of the Mint has been considered; and, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 12. of the Coinage Act of 1873., the salaries of the clerks and the Assistants to the Assayer have been fixed, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, as follows., to take effect from April 1st ultimo, viz:

Cashier	$2,600 per annum
Chief Clerk	$2,400 " "

Wm James Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

Calculator _____ $2,200 per annum

Book Keeper _____ $2,200 " "

Weigh Clerk _____ $2,200 " "

Redemption Clerk _____ $2,100 " "

Registrar _____ $2,000 " "

Assistants to the Assayer _____ $2,100 " "

I suppose that the compensation of the principal clerk in the offices of the Coiner and the Melter and Refiner should be correspondingly increased, whenever your appropriations will justify the same. but this is a matter in which the initiative must be taken by you, and at your discretion

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Directs of the Mint
(Lindeman)
June 14/73

Reports increase
in the Salaries of the
Cashier, and 7 Clerks

Rec'd June 16/73

No. 75 MEMORANDUM OF SILVER BULLION PURCHASED BY THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

at Philadelphia, the 3 day of June 1873 from Jas. Pollock Supt.

DESCRIPTION OF BULLION	WEIGHT. Before Melting Ounces	Dec.	After Melting Ounces	Dec.	Fineness 1000ths	Standard Weight Ounces	Dec.	NET VALUE. @ $ 1 per oz. st'd w't. 100 Dollars	Cts.
U. S. Mint Coin	1412300		1411000		900/	1411784		16941	41
Tale Value								$16.250.00	

NOTE.—This memorandum is for the information of the Depositor, and of no other value.

I Certify that the net amount of the above Purchase is Sixteen thousand nine hundred & forty one 41/100 Dollars, payable only on presentation of the receipt of a corresponding date and number issued.

JAMES POLLOCK,
Superintendent of the Mint.

In Gold Coin, . . $

" Silver Coin, . $16941.41

" Gold Bars, . . $

By O. B. Jones

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 14, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

You will please furnish a statement of the result of melting the lot of Mexican dollars recently transferred by the Treasury to the Mint — noting particularly the average fineness and weight.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 14/73

Wants report
the recoinage of
U. S. + Mexican
Silver dollars, trans-
- ferred from the Treas-
- ury to the Silver
Bullion Fund of
the Mint, with
Statement of the
financial Position

Rec'd June 16/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 14th, 1873.

Sir—

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr E. S. Renwick. #19. Park Place New York. in which he makes a request for "three (3) copies of the report of the operations of the mint for the year 1872."

I will thank you to forward the same to his address as above mentioned.

I am Sir. very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon James Pollock.

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa:

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 14/73

Wants 3 annual
Reports for 1872
sent to E. S. Ren-
-wick, New York

[mailed June 16/73]

Rec'd June 16/73

UNITED STATES MINT,

Philadelphia, June 14 1873

Yours of the 2nd Inst enclosing
$20.00 as stated is received.

Your name has been entered on the books of the U. S. Mint, for the amount of small coin ordered, which will be forwarded to you by express in about two weeks

Respectfully Yours,

JAMES POLLOCK, Director.

per Vogel

To A. S. Dennison
Swan City
Saline Co Neb

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov 18 1873

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst has been received.

If you will give us the date and amount of the shipment of base coins, and the place where they were sent to, including the name of the State, we will endeavor to secure a refund of the Express charges you complain of. We can make nothing out of the very incomplete statement you send us.

Yours Respectfully

H G Hickok

Acting Supt.

Mr. A. S Denison.

Lyndon Centre

Caledonia Co

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Mint of the United States,
PHILADELPHIA.

Swan City Nebraska Dec. 26 1873

JAMES POLLOCK,
Superintendent.

Subject Refunding Expenses paid on coin.

Yours rec'd when in W. I could not answer as all my papers were in Neb. I send you your receipt which gives all the information that I can give as I sent you Express rec't for amount paid $2.00.
Coin to amount of Twenty dollars was sent about the last of June to Swan City (U.P. Rail Road Station on C. & N.W.R.R.) Dodge Co. Nebraska

Respectfully Yours
A. S. Denison

No. of Enclosures,

A. S. Denison
Swan City
Neb.
Dec 26/73

Wants refund of $2. Express Charges on $20. 7 mint Coins.

Rec'd Dec 30/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 13th, 1873.

Sir

Your report of coinage for May has been received.

The Gold coinage as shown by the statement falls considerably below the expectations of the Department and there has evidently been some misunderstanding of the instructions of this office on your part, or of those of the Department to the Assistant Treasurer (Nellhouse) on the subject.

The requirements of the Department for new Gold coin are pressing, and you will employ the entire force on the coinage of double Eagles during the

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent &c

Philadelphia Pa

the balance of the month, coining Silver and Minor coins only when the same will not interfere with the Gold coinage.

If the Assist Treasurer at New York does not transmit the light coin for re-coinage in amounts sufficient to supply your capacity, your intimation to him to that effect will no doubt secure prompt attention.

Please transmit to this office a weekly statement of the coinage executed.

I am Sir, very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 13. 1873

Acknowledging receipt of
Report of Coinage for
May.

Informing Supt.
that the Gold Coinage for
May has fallen consid-
erably below the Expectation
of the Dept.

Requests a weekly
Statement of the Coinage
Executed.

Read June 14. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 13, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

It appears from your letter of the 10th instant, that the amount of the regular appropriation for the support of your mint will not be sufficient to meet the expenses of Wages of Workmen and Adjusters for the current fiscal year.

As these expenses have been considerably increased by the recoinage of gold coins under the act of June 10. 1872, you are authorised to make a requisition on the appropriation approved that date for

"Loss and Expense involved in the recoinage of gold coins, &c", for such an amount as will be sufficient to pay the expected deficit. After receiving the funds, you will place such number of employés on a special pay roll for the month of June (omitting them from the regular rolls) as will be necessary to account for the amount advanced you from the appropriation referred to.

Very respectfully,

H Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 13. 1893

Authorizing Superintendent to make a requisition on the Appropriation approved June 10. 1892 for the "Loss and Expense incident in the Re-Coinage of Gold Coin" for such an amount will be sufficient to pay the expected deficit in the regular appropriation, - and to place such number of employes on a special pay-roll for the month of June as will be necessary to account for the amount advanced from the above appropriation.

Read June 14. 1893

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 13, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant enclosing a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury covering a Certificate of Deposit for $30.94 (proceeds of old material sold) has been received and the enclosure forwarded.

Very respectfully,

H Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 13. 1893

Acknowledging rcpt. of
Superintendent's letter
of the 10th inst, covering
a certificate of deposit
for $30.94 (proceeds of old
material sold) and informing
him that the same has
been forwarded to the
Secretary of the Treasury.

Recd June 14. 1893

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't, NEW YORK. | WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

Dated Washington DC June 16 187 3

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts. Philadelphia.

To Hon Jas Pollock

Supt mint

Phila Pa

Am awaiting reply to letter of thirteenth inst relative to melting light good coin. Preparatory to recoinage

A R Linderman

Director

To collect Goudcott

H R Linderman

Director

Relating to receiving

Letter Com

J. W. DYER
Commission Telegraph Operator,
S. E. COR. 9th & CHESTNUT
& CONTINENTAL HOTEL

Recd June 16th 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 13th, 1873.

Sir

It is probable that in view of the requirements of the public service the Department will soon transfer from the Sub Treasury at New York, to your Mint, a considerable sum in light Gold coin to be melted preparatory to re-coinage under the provisions of the Act of June 10, 1872.

Will you please advise me what amount of these coins you can melt daily: and also what amount of pouring bars, can be placed securely in your Vaults.

Please reply without delay.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. Linderman

Director

Hon James Pollock,

Superintendent &c

Philadelphia Pa.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 13. 1873

Wants to know
what amount of
light gold can be
melted daily down for
re-coinage, and the
what amount in
resulting bars can be
securely placed
in the vaults of
the Mint.

Rec'd June 14/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 13, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The ordinary expense accounts of your institution for the month of May, 1873, with exception of voucher No "75 a" of the "Incidental Expenses of the Minor Coinage Account" have been received.

Please forward the missing voucher when the accounts will be referred to the Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully,
H R Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 13. 1893

Acknowledging receipt
of Ordinary Expense
a/c for May 1893 –
and stating that
Voucher No 75 of the
Incidental Expenses of
the Minor Coinage a/c
is missing.

Rec'd June 14. 1893

Copy

Royal Mint, Victoria
Melbourne, 12th June 1873.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith a box containing descriptions and illustrations of the Chemical processes which have been adopted at this Branch of the Royal Mint, which I am desirous of presenting to the Director of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, and I shall feel much obliged if you will be so good as to take charge of it, with a view to its being forwarded as above.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your most obedt servant
(Signed) E. W. Ward
Deputy Master.

Thomas Adamson Jr. Esq
Consul of the U. S. A.
Melbourne

Consulate of the United States of Amᵃ
Melbourne June 16ᵗʰ 1873.

Hon James Pollock
Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Herewith I beg leave to hand you copy of a letter received at this Consulate 13ᵗʰ inst. from Col D. W Ward, R. E. Deputy Master of Melbourne branch Royal Mint. the receipt of which has been suitably acknowledged.

The box referred to in Col Ward's letter will be forwarded by first opportunity to San Franᶜᵒ, care of the Collector of Customs at that port. to whom you will please forward instructions as to the disposition to be made of same.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your most obed servant
Thomas Adamson
U.S. Consul

Thomas Adamson Jr
U.S. Consul
Melbourne
Australia
June 16. 1873

Enclosing copy of letter from Col. E. M Ward R.E. Deputy Master of the Royal Mint at Melbourne forwarding box containing descriptions & illustrations of the Chemical processes in use at that Mint.

Box shipped to the Collector of Customs San Francisco.

Rec'd Aug't 26/73

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office,
June 12th., 1873.

Sir:

Your Medal account to March 31. 1873 has been adjusted, per First Auditor's Report No. 188555; as per Account dated & and a balance of $438.67 found due from you to the United States.

To carry out the provisions of the 53rd Section of the Mint Act of February 12th., 1873, you will please deposit this sum with the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, to close the account.

Very Respectfully,
R. W. Taylor
Comptroller.

James Pollock Esq
Late Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

First Comptroller's Office

June 12. 1893

Informing Superintendent that his Medal a/c to March 31. 1893 has been adjusted, and directing him to deposit a balance of $438.67 with the Asst. Treasurer U.S. to close the account

Recd. June 14. 1893

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

Boston, Mass., June 12th, 1873.

Sir,

I forward to you this day by the Adams Express Co, Gold Coins. Nominal value $7.895. (Value by weight $2.859 39/) deposited at this office this day for gold notes, and have to request that on ascertaining the true value, you will cause the proper deposit to be made in name of Assistant Treasurer at Boston with the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia on account of "Transfer of Funds" returning to me b/D in duplicate therefor.

Respectfully

F. Hamm

Asst Treas U. S.

To Superintendent
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

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United States Treasury, Boston,

June 12, 1873.

F. Hanw

Ass't Treasurer.

Forwarding $2895 in Gold Coins for Depsit and Re-coinage

[June 18/73 nett proceeds $2856 28 de -posited + 6/D. mailed]

No. of Enclosures

Rec'd June 14/73

5th Mountain Dr. N.Y. City
June 11th 1873

Sir

I now take the liberty to address you for the purpose of gaining a little information in regard to Coinage.

1st. Do or would you send to my address upon receipt of $5.00 its value in Two cent pieces of this date 1873 and 3d silver pieces of this and former years, for which I am willing to pay a good premium. If this could be done, would confer a great favor upon the undersigned.

Please send the Mint Reports for last year, and if possible, those since 1862.

Truly Yours

David Yorkey

Jas Pollock Esq.
Director
U.S. Mint

Sir,

The Mint does not keep coins for sale Except proof sets of the current year, according to the Enclosed Circular. The new Mint Law has abolished the 2 & bronze pieces; and 3 & and 5 ¢ silver pieces; & none have been made since the 1st of April.

We have no silver proof sets for 1873, & will not have until about the middle of July,

Please to make your application to the regular coin dealers in New York.

David Paoskey
New York

June 11. 1873

Wants St. watch
2 of Brass + 3 of
Silver pieces.
Also Annual
Reports.

Rec'd June 12/73

Elizabeth Savings Bank,

J. & S. J. WEDDELL,

Bankers,

Elizabeth, Pa., June 11th, 1873

Treasurer,

U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia

Sir:—

What are your rules for remitting for redemption Silver Coin, old issue,—

3¢. 5¢ & 10¢.

Please inform us & oblige

Your Respy—

Jos. P. Weddell,

Cashier,

Joe. A. Weddell, Co
Elizabeth Pa

June 11/73

Wants to have
small silver
Coin redeemed.

Rec June 13/73

Treasury Department,

June 10th, 1873.

Sir:

You will, upon receipt of this communication, direct Mr. Martin V. Davis, an employé of your office @ $5.50 per diem, to report for temporary duty to Dr. Henry R. Linderman, Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

I am, very respectfully

Wm. A. Richardson.

Secretary.

James Pollock, Esq.,

Supt. U.S. Mint, Phila., Pa.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 11, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In the absence of the Director of the Mint I enclose herewith a letter addressed to you by the Secretary of the Treasury, detailing Mr Martin V. Davis, an employé in your institution, for temporary duty in this office.

Very respectfully,
W C Johannes.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman's) Clerk
H. C. Johnson
June 11/73

Enclosing letter
June 10/73 from the
Sec'y of the Treas'y,
transferring Martin
V. Davis to the Mint
Bureau, temporarily
at $5.50 per diem.

Rec'd June 12/73

Mint of the United States.
Engravers Dept
Philadelphia June 9 1873

Hon. J. Pollock
Sir

In reply to the inquiry of when the Dies for the new Dollar will be Completed, I wish to observe that the alterations sent here on the 4th inst. involved the making of an entirely new die for the reverse, As you are aware I began a new Model of an Eagle the same day, and it had to be Completed and pass through the Electrotype process, from whence it will come to morrow, 10th of June.

I have now added six days Each process it must go through of reducing on the Machine, making from that reducing, a die, from that a Master Hub, to make the dies for daily use, and I find all things being favorable, it will Consume 26 working days. This will bring me to July 2nd to be in a position to make the working dies for the Mint and its Branches. The rest will depend upon what number of dies You may order to be Completed as Stock, before You begin Coining.

Yours respectfully (signed) Wm Barber

Copy.

Mint of the United States.

Engraver's Dept.

From Wm Barber

Philadelphia, July 9 1873

No. of Papers,

Subject, The Completion of the new Dollar Dies. when?

July 9. 1873. Original Rec'd to Director, Washington D.C.

July 9/73

Mint of the United States.

ASSAY DEPARTMENT.

(Copy)

Philadelphia, June 10th 1873

Assay of four samples.

Nickel Grains for sale by the U. S. Mint.

No 1 — 22.13
2 — 20.00
3 — 19.67
4 — 21.24

Balance nearly all Copper

(Signed)
Jacob B Eckfeldt
Asst Assayer

Asst Assayer U.S. Mint
(J. W. Eckfeldt)
June 10/73

Reports results of
assays of ~~##~~ four
samples of nickel
grains for Sale of the
Mint. (6,000 lbs.)

Rec'd June 10/73

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THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't, NEW YORK. | WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

Dated Washington DC June 9th 187 3

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia. 10 36 PM

To Jas Pollock

U S Mint

Phila Pa

When may we expect trade dollar dies to be forward West & issue of that coin at Phila

H R Linderman

Director of the Mint

32 Cash

Govt Rate

Directory the Mint
(Linderman)
July 9, 1873

(Telegram)

Wants to know
when trade dollars
will be ready
for the Western
Trade — Does
the Phila Mint
can issue trade
dollars.

Rec'd June 9/73

J. W. DYER'S
Commission Telegraph Offices,
S.E. COR. 9th & CHESTNUT
& CONTINENTAL HOTEL

United States Assay Office at New York.

June 6th 1873

Hon Jas. Pollock.
Supt U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me the value of the £ or Sovereign new & average as bullion, and in American Gold coin, for the years 1857-8-1861-2-5. as I have not your Reports for those years.

It is requested by the Court of Appeals. If you can furnish it by Wednesday the 11th inst. the favor will be appreciated by

Your Obedient Servant,
for Superintendent

Wm Hyde
Chief Clerk

N. Y. Assay Office
(for J. W. Floyd
Chief Clerk)

Want the Values of
£ Sterling for 1857-8
1861-2-5 - for the
Custom Appeals

Rec'd June 10/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 7, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have considered the regulations in relation to the preparation of dies of a national character, striking and sale of medals, proof and pattern coins, and return the same with some unimportant modifications and additions.

You will please examine the proposed regulations in their present form, and if you do not regard any alteration necessary return them with your signature.

I

I have also to request your views in relation to adopting the two additional regulations separately enclosed.

We may as well, while the subject is under consideration, embrace every point connected with it even if unimportant, especially as the striking and sale of proof and pattern pieces is a matter of Departmental and not statutory provision.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

* Inadvertently on pencil mark on form sent.—

I desire that the impression sent them shall be returned to You & destroyed with the others taken by the Engraver

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 7. 1873

Submitting for
Examination, pro-
posed Regulations
for the preparation of
Medal dies & a na-
tional character
and the Striking &
Sale of Medals
under the 52nd
Section of the Coinage
Act of 1873.

Rec'd June 9th 1873.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 7th, 1873.

Sir

I suppose the most direct way to increase your Silver Bullion Fund, will be to first increase your Gold Bullion Fund, and then authorize you to purchase a corresponding amount in fine silver bars say in the New York Market, and pay for it in Gold coin.

Please favor me with your views as to the advisability of the plan herein suggested.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H Kedmanman

Director

Hon James Pollock,

Superintendent &c

Philadelphia Pa.

Directing the Mint
Sniderman
June 7. 1873

Suggests an increase
of the Gold Bullion
Fund, & that the Supt
then purchase silver
with the Gold for the
Silver Bullion Fund
Begins the Supt's
opinion on the point.

Rec'd June 9. 1873

~~(illegible)~~

~~Sniderman Mint~~

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office,
June 7th., 1873.

Sir:

Your account for the manufacture and sale of medals at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia during the quarter ending March 31st., 1873, has been adjusted at the Treasury, per Report No. 188555; and it is found that there is due the United States, and belonging to the Medal Fund, a balance of $438.67; the same agreeing with your statement of the account.

As the regulations under the new coinage act require the medal accounts to be, hereafter, rendered by the Superintendent of the Mint, you will please execute the necessary voucher to close your account

up to March 31st; and transmit to the First Auditor a supplemental statement for final settlement.

Very Respectfully,

R. W. Tayloe
Comptroller.

James Pollock, Esq.,
Late Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

R. W. Taylor
Comptroller U S Treasury
D. C.
reports the Medal Fund
act for the Quarter ending
March 31. 1873
Correct
June 7. 1873

Lith. of M. Bradley & Co. Springfield, Mass.

J. C. Parsons, President.

U. S. DEPOSITORY.

Fred'k H. Harris, Cashier.

CAPITAL STOCK $500,000.

Third National Bank.

Springfield, Mass. June 6 1873

Director U. S. Mint Phila

Sir.

I forward to day, per Express, Six hundred dollars in 5¢ coin, for which please send ninety dollars in 3¢ coin, fifty dollars in 1¢ coin, and check for balance.

If you cannot send the 1¢ coin, (50) please send check for that amount also.

Yours Very Resp'y
F. H. Harris Ca
B.

Second Nat'l Bank
Springfield
J. A. Harris. Mass

Bank coin for redemption
& Exchange. Cannot
do both

Rec'd June 9/73

April $ 604.50
May - $627.75

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 6th, 1873.

Sir:

In consideration of the facts stated in your letter of the 5th instant, you will make a requisition against the appropriation for "redeeming and re-issuing minor coinage 1873," for the amount expended from the appropriations for "Wages of workmen mint at Philadelphia 1873." and "Contingent expenses mint at Philadelphia 1873." and deposit the amount thereof in the U.S. Treasury as a re-payment to the credit of the last named appropriations; it will then be subject to the usual requisition and available for the purpose indicated in your letter.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent &c
Philadelphia Pa.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 6. 1873.

Deficiency in "Wages of Workmen & Contingent Expenses for 1872-73" to be met by requisition on Assist. for redeeming & re-issuing mined Coins for 1873, & deposit the Amt with the U. S. Treas'r as a re-payt of the Adv of those two items - It will then be subject to the usual requisitions for Wages & Contingent Expenses.

Rec'd June 7. /73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 6, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letters dated the 5th inst, and accompanying Certificate of Deposit for $46 05, on account of old material sold, have been received.

The letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and the certificate of deposit have been forwarded.

Very respectfully,

A. R. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 6, 1873

Letter & Certificate
of deposit for $46.05
for old materials
sold, rec'd & for-
-warded to the Treas-
-ury Department.

Rec'd June 7/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 5, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Phiadelphia Pa.

Sir:

You are informed that measures have been taken to procure specimens of the inferior coins of the German Empire for the Cabinet of your mint; and also to furnish a copy of the US Statutes at Large, 42nd Congress.

Very respectfully,
H Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
June 6. 1873.

Specimens of the in-
ferior Coins of the Ger-
man Empire will be
procured for the Mint
Cabinet.
also, Statutes at Large
of the 42d Congress.

Rec'd June 7. 1873.

Superintendents

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Certificate No 51
Date Apl 25
forwarded Apl 26
#366

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/JUNE (CONT.)